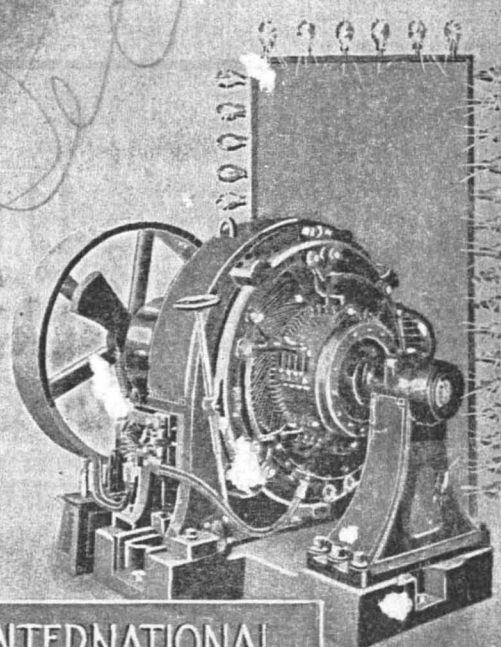
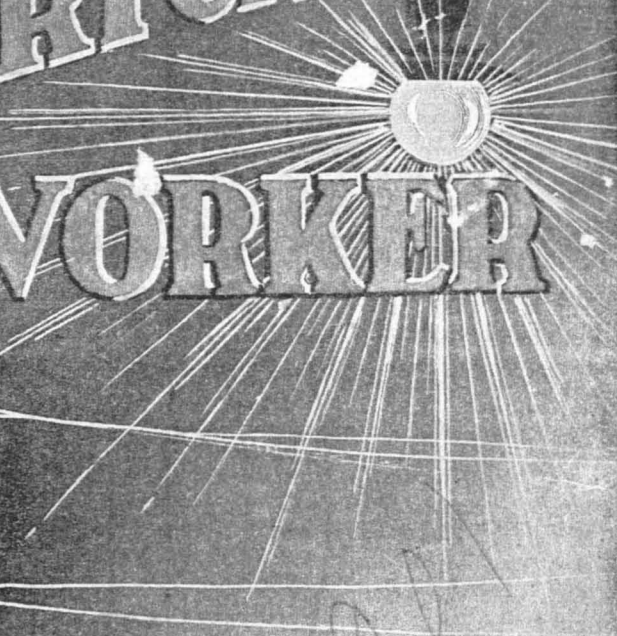
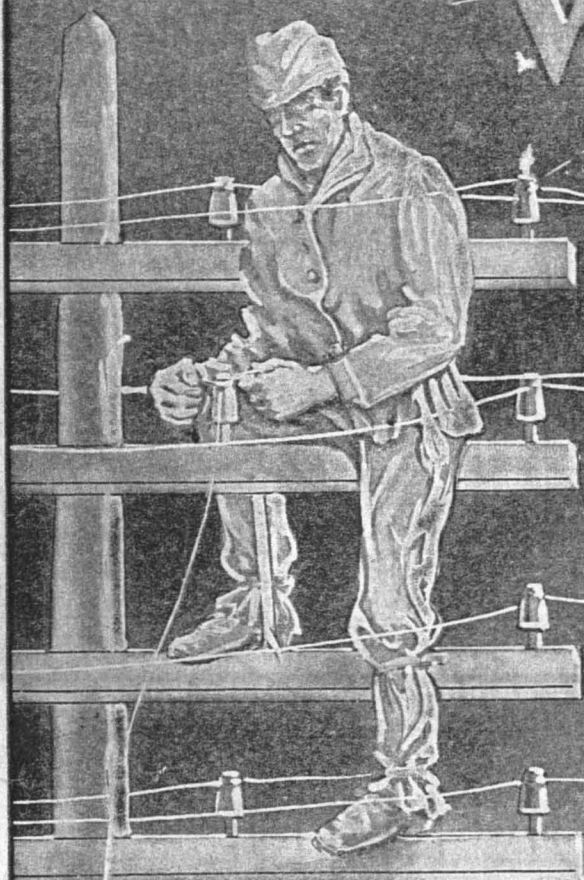


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Electricity's Debt to Religion.

Thomas Burke Grant.

Most of the great inventions or discoveries of man are the result either of necessity or of accident. The law of gravitation was the result of Newton seeing an apple fall. And 2,000 years ago some workingmen engaged in polishing amber, which in that early age had occupied the place that pearls or diamonds occupy with us, found a violent shock to the nerves of their arms due to the rubbing of the amber; and from this circumstance arose much of our present knowledge of the substance now termed electricity.

It is a subtle force which permeates all nature, and upon its extensive and economic harvesting or development depends much of the world's advancement in the future.

The former primitive method of developing electricity by rubbing amber has now been superseded, and great factories and powerful dynamos have been called into existence for the purpose of generating it in our cities, and millions of dollars and of human beings have been exclusively employed in its train; and yet the world knows really little of this subtle and all-pervading agent. What is electricity? is still the one question in the physical world to which science gives no answer, though science has grown around it, and in other respects has rendered electricity as subservient as steam, or air, or water, to the wishes of man.

We are still groping in the dark caves of experiment concerning electricity, like miners in the bowels of the earth after some precious metal, and though daily adding to the store of our knowledge, though year by year we are devising new-

er and better machinery for its application, and the fields of its multifarious uses are ever enlarging and multiplying, the exact definition of this mysterious fluid and its source are as much a mystery as it was in the days of the alchemists. We know it exists and we are beginning to understand its uses, but that is all, though we have so progressed that the fables of antiquity are the facts of to-day.

As may be readily supposed, an element of such mysterious importance as electricity, and an agent so well adapted to the art of producing wonderful results through hidden power, was early seized upon in the history of the world by those whose business it was to confuse the intellect and cloud the reason in order the easier to impress men with their own insignificance, and to encourage the belief in a dependence on a divine being.

Centuries, therefore, previous to the discovery of the workingmen, the peculiar powers of electricity were known to the ancients, but whatever they knew is now unknown or largely a matter of speculation. However, that they knew something and that they kept that knowledge the exclusive possession of a few, and finally that it was through the interposition of electricity was due many of these magic arts and peculiar mysteries practiced by the Egyptians and the wise men of the East, is so much more than mere speculation as to be near the borders of recognized fact, and to be quite as capable of demonstration as many of the great facts of ancient history. It goes without saying also, that if scientists only knew now what the ancients knew about electricity in addition to what modern researches have disclosed, the stock of our present information would

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be much greater than it is, and our progress far more considerable, though doubtless some day we shall have mastered fully its immense possibilities.

Conversely it is also plain that had they known as much about electricity as we do, and had they as fully discovered its application the world might be much more unfortunate than it is through loss of ancient records and continuous knowledge on this important subject by having it harnessed to their fads and superstitions. Had the miracle workers known how to use the daily telegraph for example, we can well understand how useful it would be, say to Moses in striking the rock of Horeb or in communicating directly with the awful spectacle associated with the burning bush. Electricity in its present uses in commercial life is for all practical purposes really the product of the latter half of the nineteenth century.

While mankind was worrying about dead divinities, it lay stored in the recesses of the earth, and during that latter period we learned more of its marvelous powers, and turned them to more practical advantage than in all the previous ages.

Our knowledge of what the ancients did with it in producing their spiritualistic manifestations, and therefore our continuous acquaintance with the laws of electricity, so to speak, from these early ages down to the present suffered from two circumstances: One was the reluctance of the wizard and miracle workers to permit whatever they knew concerning electricity to pass from themselves; and the other circumstance was, the destruction of the great library of Alexandria under the orders of the Caliph Omar, and in which was stored all the teachings and previous scientific discoveries made in the cradle of the human race.

When remonstrated with for giving an order to thus destroy all the learning of Egypt and Assyria, the Caliph Omar justified this deed on the ground that if the library treasures taught nothing but what was to be found in the Koran they were unnecessary; and if they taught anything contrary to it they were false. Science was crushed to give the right of way to the Koran.

Even without this act of vandalism the

world had known very little about the sciences, but it was very learned indeed in every thing that concerned myths, and divinities, and dead mythologies; and now through the act of a religious fanatic, all the information that the centuries had accumulated—and more was known in this region of electricity than in India or China—had, through the ipse dixit of a tyrant, gone up in smoke, and all the arts and discoveries perished with that era. In respect therefore of electricity, as of other sciences, we are in a measure now going back to re-dig the fields that the ancients had explored and cultivated, and trying to discover anew in the workings of natural phenomena, the bare glimpses of knowledge which burned brightly in the ages when the Magi offered incense before the gods of Persia or the Egyptians wept at the tombs of the Ptolemies.

But though disastrous in the sense of connecting our knowledge with the past, electricity might still have survived, and her votaries might have beheld the sword of Omar cut the thread of scientific investigation in two, if the fanatics had not now other plans for strangling science in its cradle, and for establishing more securely their despotism over the still small empire of the human mind. Those centuries and that civilization which succeeded Paganism, took care to abundantly borrow from paganism all these rites, ceremonies and mysterious powers likely to impress men's minds without very much enlightening the understanding. Religion secured everything essential to its own perpetuity but saved from the wrecks of the past absolutely nothing of material value or that was likely to emancipate the human intellect. All these arts and sciences that Paganism protected were obscured or lost and the noble thirst for commercial development portrayed in the pompous palaces of Babylon or which fitted out the galleys of Tyri and Carthage and which was reproduced in Rome was unaccompanied by any corresponding scientific advancement. The intellect of the mind was discouraged. The masses wore skins or slept in log huts and anyone who sought to remedy their lot was cursed by the church, which became the heir and legatee of Paganism.

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Gallileo and Bruno had their eyes put out for the crime of seeing too much; and the thirst for scientific research was told to satisfy its cravings at the fountain of Christian belief, and to take copious drafts thereof. Great universities founded and endowed to cultivate knowledge, and to draw from the ancients their hidden treasure, proclaimed it to be the exclusive prerogative of the Diety to do the thinking of the world, and the only duty of the world to keep thinking only of a future state and never once of the things that appertained to itself. Men were to believe and obey but never to investigate, to reason, to ask questions, or to doubt, and without exercising their faculties fully in these directions there could be no electrical progress. Electricity touched the life of the world, and in its nature, its possibilities and revelations a science calling for the highest reasoning faculties. No stars might be studied in their courses because such a study was harmless per se, and anything learned concerning astronomy was comparatively useless to the material purposes of mankind, but all matters relating to electricity or physical sciences were as steadily discouraged under Christianity as they were under the pagan priests of old.

So science that was cast aside by the Mohammedan Caliph in order to make way for Allah and the Koran, was for centuries afterward also kept out of view in order to force men to make a study of the God and of the lives of Saints. During the dreary expanse which, like a Sahara stretched itself across the pages of European history, every science save electricity and its cognates were cultivated by the works or the surplised guardians of the new dispensation to whose care mankind was committed. While the common people were groaning under the double burdens of obedience to their masters, and for a more rigid abstinence; and with one voice discouraging every effort of science to alleviate these conditions.

But through a serious enough impeachment, this was not all. In whatever direction the world moved the transmission of thought was of prime importance. A department was also formed in Rome to suppress all scientific thought and the Roman Pontiff, after the fashion of the Caliph

Omar, took care that the world would not think at all, or else think along lines carefully predicated by himself. Electricity thus exercised by priests and menaced by wars, or by the indifference of the unlettered, slumbered on through the centuries. Men became devoted to the study of myths and phantoms and scarcely one of the scientists of the period sought to recover the conquests that were lost, until in the Western hemisphere, a printer, named Benjamin Franklin, discovered the application of a principle long the property of the ancients but then so long lost to the services of mankind. The men who filled the role of the prophets shook their heads at the discovery, laughed as they contemplated that it was not priests with leisure, but a poor, busy printer, whose time was taxed to make a living for his family, who drew electricity from the clouds. Their reveries were again disturbed when another layman, Morse, following up Franklin's discoveries applied electricity to the transmission of messages. Electricity really came to the service of man not only without assistance from the churches, but in spite of their indifference, and nothing has been contributed to development of electricity by the priests and magicians, whether under the old dispensation or the new. They were busy, however, in the business of retarding discovery or in concealing knowledge for thousands of years until Franklin and Morse gave the energies of man a new direction. Then the world moved onwards and upwards as if a great load had been lifted off its back, and lo! steamships, and railroads, and telegraphs, and newer and vaster conceptions of the world and of the plans and purposes of creation were the inevitable result. Men at length really began to see that God had created the world for man's use and benefit, and the name of God which was formerly a good deal of an expression, was made nearer and dearer to men, as they thus beheld the wonderful wisdom of his words and saw in Morse's discoveries, and in spite of every diabolical form of discouragement, the fulfillment of God's promise to bring the ends of the earth together, and to make of all nations kindred and neighbors.

By this blending of men and nations into

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one flesh, family and kindred, as foretold by god, electricity affects in a greater and more successful degree than any other science, since it now makes known in connection with the telegraph and the printing press, the various events of one people to the other, and renders one nation interested in the moral conceptions, the ideals, and responsibilities of all the others.

It is pleasant also to know and feel that in the development of electricity the United States stands at the head of the list of achievements. All those great discoveries that call forth our admiration "when Science from Creation's face enchantment's veil withdraws," have had either Americans for their sponsors or Americans for their origin. The great minds of electricity, with probably the exception of Lord Kelvin, are all Americans.

It is now and not in the past, here and not in dark countries, electricity is gathering round its professors to direct its energies, capital to provide its machinery, and a newspaper press and a literature to disseminate a knowledge in its uses and to give it an enduring immortality and to save the science during the all-coming ages from being lost as in the ruck of civilization it went down in Asia. To sum up then respecting electricity: Born as it were on the banks of the Euphrates, it was again discovered by workingmen in Greece, but like the Star of Empire electricity taking its flight westward first appeared for only a moment in Hellas. It then rested in its flight at the home of Pliny at Tarentum, who barely beheld its possibilities, and finding the crumbling conditions of Roman polity unfavorable to the cultivation, the electric spark next blazed forth in the country of Faraday and of Sir Humphrey Davy, and then passed across the Atlantic to find its best development in the land of Penn, and in the country consecrated to industry and freedom.

Here too, resurrected and popularized by the discoveries of Franklin, enriched and enrolled in the circle of sciences through the labors and researches of Edison and Tesla, and made adaptable to locomotion and other daily uses through the appliances of Westinghouse, Houston, and Thompson, it goes back to Europe and to Asia underneath the ocean to complete

the circuit and to arouse and to electrify every potent interest that civilizes the world and that helps us to a true and clear conception of those natural phenomena which puzzled our fathers, and which owe their beauty, their rhythm and regularity, not to supernatural, but to cold physical and material laws.

And finally, and what is most lamentable of all, this great natural agent which was so long lost and which now bids to revolutionize the method of men, is being cornered by trusts, as it was by the magicians of Egypt, who used it to preserve their power; the leaders of the present combinations probably foreseeing as clearly as did their sorcerer predecessors that upon electricity again hangs the fate of mankind, and that to him who controls it, the future of the world belongs.

Zulu Tribe of Floaters.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here we have pitched our tents for the coming winter months, a bright fire burns around our wigwam every night and the different chiefs and their tribes are discussed. As it is time to be moving to winter resorts in the sunny South we do not expect to meet very many at the reunion Xmas day at Squaw Minnehaha's tepee, 121 Willoughby St., B'klyn, N. Y.

I will now endeavor to tell you who is playing with J. A. Burke's W. U. T. Minstrel Co., through the Lehigh Valley. We have Chas. Cheeks, better known as Barlow, with the boy tramp, Shorty Sanford, and the long man from Rochester, Geo. Legs Davenport, and his son, Kid Rivers; and the still man from No. 7, Jim Shaw; Aleck McDonald from Boston and Geo. Shwerve from N. Y. City. Larry Murphy and Chas. Morrissey stopped with us while their train was taking water Thanksgiving night but had to hurry on to Phila.

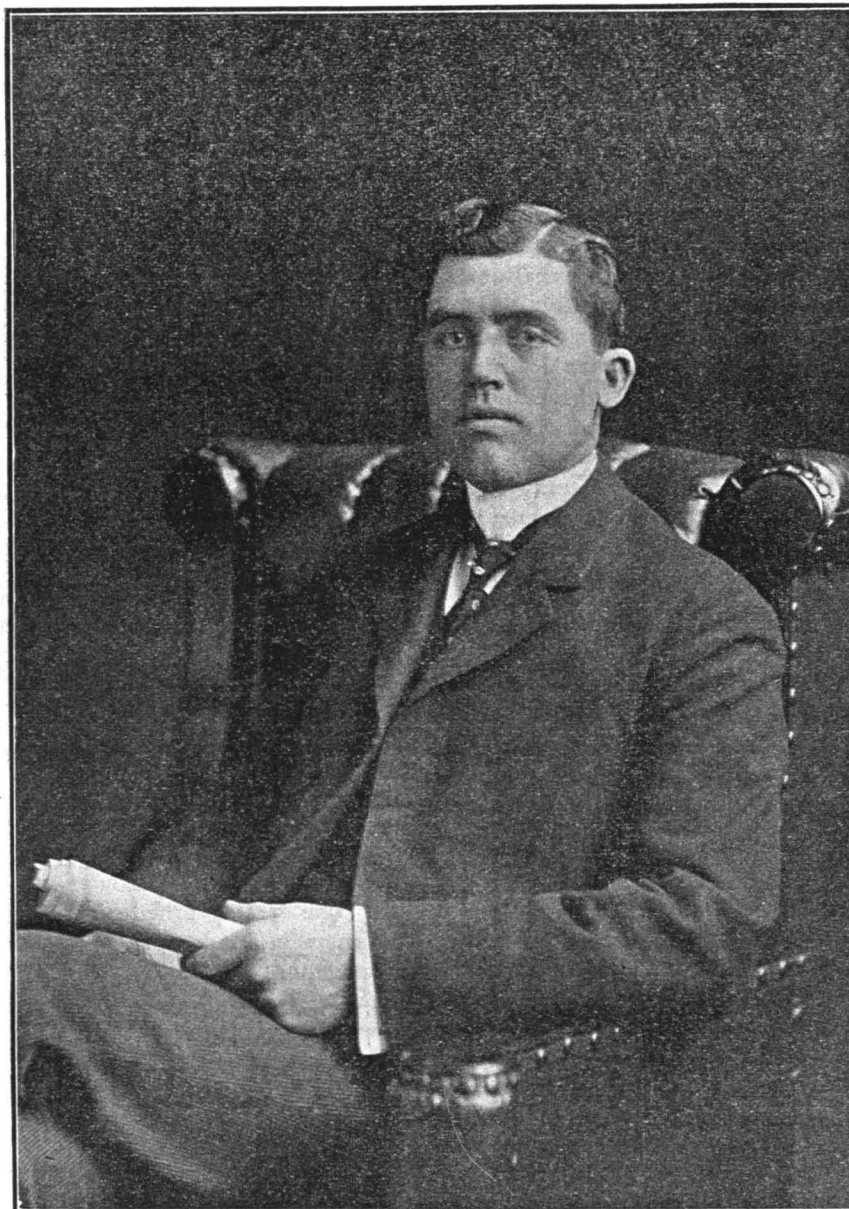
Write a line here, Barlow, care of Pacific house, and it will reach me all right.

Wishing every brother of the I. B. E. W. a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hoping the floaters may all find cans large enough to make their stews,

We remain sincerely,

The Foaters of the
Lehigh Valley.

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W. A. JACKSON, Grand President.

OUR PRESIDENT.

W. A. Jackson, whose likeness appears on the opposite page, was born in Holden, Mo., in 1872. At the age of 15 years he went to work as "groundman" for the Western Union Telegraph Company along the line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in western Kansas. Since then he has worked in different capacities at almost every branch of electrical work, and is to-day considered one of the most expert workmen in that industry. Drifting west in 1892, he became a member and later served two terms as recording secretary of Union No. 1 of the United Order of Linemen at Denver, Col. This organization has been absorbed by the International Union of which he is the executive head. Mr. Jackson went to Chicago in 1894, and with the formation of Lineman's Union No. 9 became one of its charter members. Since then he has held different offices in the union, and for the last two years was president. At the recent convention of the International Union in St. Louis he represented Local No. 9. The convention honored him with the office of grand president.

It's Up to You, Brothers.

New Britain, Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On behalf of Bro. Harvey Burnett, of Kansas City, I will kindly ask you for a little space in the December Worker. Some time back an account of Bro. Burnett's affliction was published in the Worker, and some little effort was made, if I remember correctly, to start a fund in his behalf, to the end that he be provided with a set of artificial limbs. Perhaps, like many others, I only gave the matter a thought. At the last convention I was brought face to face with Bro. Burnett, who was there as a delegate from the Kansas City local. I am sure that of the 136 delegates who attended the convention there was none who showed admiration for the cause of unionism more than Bro. Burnett. I was asked if I would interest myself in behalf of the brother to the extent that he might be provided with the artificial limbs. I know of no better way than for each delegate who attended the St. Louis Convention to bring the case of Bro.

Burnett before their respective locals and speak of him as they found him. To those who may not know, I will state that both Bro. Burnett's legs are off below the knee, leaving him simply enough to hobble around on. The brother has consulted specialists who claim that he can be provided with a set of artificial limbs that he can use to good advantage. To be so provided it will cost about \$300. I know the members of the I. B. E. W. will not stop to think of the small amount, if each will put in a little. Bro. Burnett's birthday comes in February. I know how grateful he would feel if the members raised the amount so that he could start off on his next birthday on a new pair of legs. I would like to see the matter taken up by all members immediately, and donations sent to our executive office to be published in the Worker. I will start the fund with one dollar. The cause is a worthy one.

Fraternally, etc.,

F. J. SHEEHAN,
Grand Treasurer.

Third Vice-President's Report.

Toronto, Dec. 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In the trouble between the linemen and the Cataract Power Co. of Hamilton, the men returned to work in a body at ten hours, with ten hours' pay. The company only wanted to pay eight hours at eight hours' pay. They would not have a brotherhood man in their employ at ten cents a day. The men returned with the understanding that the company submit to them an agreement at an early date.

The members of Local 105, of Hamilton, are to be congratulated on their gentlemanly conduct in the struggle they have had for their just rights, which under the circumstances they are entitled to, and instead of getting \$1.75 for ten hours they should get \$2.75 for eight hours. Men who have to go out in all kinds of weather and handle 2,000 volts are not to be envied.

Wishing the editor and all members of the I. B. E. W. a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. J. HURD.

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Expenses for November.

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Exchange	2 85
E. Barnes, paper	1 25
W. W. Powers, rent	12 50
H. W. Sherman, salary Nov. . .	125 00
M. K. Clinton, " "	60 00
J. L. Schlegel, " "	29 00
F. B. Hawkins, stenographer . .	15 00
Sadie McIntyre, "	2 00
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Turned over to Treasurer . . .	\$ 660 46

Grand Treasurer's Report.

New Britain, Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER.

W. A. Jackson, strike benefit	
No. 9, Chicago	\$1,500 00
Amount on hand Nov. 1	7,121 80
Nov. expense	<u>1,500 00</u>
	\$5,621 80
Interest on deposit in bank . .	34 58
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By dating from 1st to 1st of each month the N. Y. draft sent by you 6th Dec. to be put on deposit by me tomorrow will show receipts \$660.46. I think we will have everything working in good shape after this.

The grand treasurer and grand secretary have everything arranged now to do the business of the I. B. E. W. as the constitution directs in the workings of our respective offices. It took some little time to get necessary vouchers through the printer's hands. The bank where I have account on deposit furnished us, without extra cost, the form of warrant directed by our constitution. The warrants were not in the hands of the grand secretary until late in November and my report balances account to Dec. 1st. Commencing on that date all warrants will be drawn on the grand treasurer and all bills settled accordingly. Respectfully submitted.

F. J. SHEEHAN,
Grand Treasurer.

On Snowshoes.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am weary writing and inquiring for the bunch that was in Vallejo, Cal., last winter, so thought I would drop a line to the Worker and perhaps I would be a little more successful in locating some of them. McIntyre, where are you? Are you dead entirely? and Gillette, Donahue, Brocky, Hill, Drew and Big Mike? You guys certainly have dropped out of sight.

I started early this fall for Chi. town from Colorado Springs, via Omaha, but got on the wrong train at Council Bluffs, and when daylight came, after riding her all night all over except inside, I found myself, to my surprise, coming into St. Paul instead of Chi., so that accounts for me being up in this forsaken country this time of the year bound for Butte. I run into a snow-storm here, so I guess I will have to anchor for awhile. A good place to feed in if you bring it with you. I certainly would like to have some of you eastern woodwalkers with me here, some of you try-staters who have a town every ten miles to drop off at. I have only got about 800 miles to cover before I make

Butte; lots of snow to keep me company and to remind me of the big American one dollars I-sluffed off last summer over the green cloth, capping the ace, and playing the queen, but they tell me I am a gamester. I guess I am, at any rate these snow-balls are making me run the gauntlet.

Peck and Foody, where are you? In Chi., I suppose. Well, you have got your hands full. Old John J. from the coast will hold you for awhile. I am sorry to say, fellows, he is a tough customer, but if you stand pat you can make him keel. Because he beat the native sons, don't say that he can crush No. 9. Nos. 151 and 9 are two different locals.

How are things in Frisco, Stinson? If she gets too crimp up here I may jump off the Cascades again and hit old Simon for a job.

I just write this to let you fellows know I am still in the ring. Permanent address, 924 Peosata Ave., Helena, Mont., by permission.

Yours fraternally,

JIM BROWN,
on the hummer.

From "Old Crip."

Denton, Tex., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I haven't received the printed report of the convention proceedings yet, and therefore I do not know just what was done, but from what I can hear the convention was a grand success; and let us hope that there will be a feeling of general contentment and that every fellow will put his shoulder to the wheel and do his part to push the I. B. E. W. car along down the line of progress. If we advance proportionately the next two years that we have the past two, there will be no labor organization under the American flag that can boast of more than we.

Glad to see such a good set of men at the head of our organization for another two years, and I am sure if every member gives them the proper support they will make a grand showing.

With best wishes to all members, I am,

Fraternally,

ROBERT G. WRIGHT.



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LINEMEN are requested to keep away from Chicago until further notice. The strike is still on.

WE have been requested to state that Harold Miller, whose cut appeared in last month's issue, is a son of Jesse Miller, who is well known through the South and West.

NOTICE.

Any of the brothers in Canada wishing to purchase emblematic buttons can get them by sending to H. J. Hurd, Deer Park, Canada.

ATTENTION.

If this happens to meet the eye of Patrick Carney, he will learn something to his interest by communicating with R. E. Collier, Pres. Lineman's Union, 54 Eureka street, Pittsburg, Pa.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The report of Secretary Morrison for the fiscal year is very gratifying to all trades unionists. It shows we are on the upward march and great good is being done throughout the United States and Canada. Let the good work go on.

NOTICE.

Financial Secretaries, when making out a traveling card, should always insert the brother's card number and date of initiation. It will save lots of trouble. Use the regular per capita slips when making remittances to the general office.

WE wish to call the attention of our readers to our advertising. If you want union goods get those with the label on them, made by the firms who advertise with us. This will convince them our journal is the proper place to place their ads.

IN the last issue of this paper we stated twenty-five dollars would be paid for the best design for a new charter. Up to going to press we have received just one. Wake up, brothers; here's a chance for all. The drawings will be submitted to the E. B., and a majority vote rule, so it will be no one man's opinion.

SIGNS AND GRIPS.

At our last convention the committee on ritual decided to dispense with our time-worn, moss-covered signs and grips. Members will remember, and if some fellow who is about three years behind in his dues tries to perform all kinds of acrobatic feats to have you recognize him, pay no attention unless he produces the goods—a paid-up card. This is the passport of our organization.

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NINE death claims paid in the month of November and two placed before the E. B. for settlement. Boys, keep up your dues so there will be no dispute after you are gone. Many times a small payment of money as dues may help Molly and the babies after you are gone. The secretary of this brotherhood has no right to draw a warrant unless the member is square on the books. We positively will not overstep the constitution

EVERY month we are in receipt of complaints that locals have failed to receive their Electrical Workers. We wish to state that the papers leave the general office every month for each and every local in the brotherhood. We find the trouble arises in many cases through locals changing secretaries and failing to notify the general office. If the members would notify the general office of changes of secretaries and changes of address, this trouble would be obviated.

BRO. BURNETT.

On another page of this issue will be found a letter from our grand treasurer asking the members of the I. B. E. W. to contribute their mite towards purchasing for Bro. Burnett of Kansas City a pair of artificial legs. We say mite, for if every member would contribute three cents the total amount would buy a good pair of artificial legs. Boys, less than the price of a cigar will help out an afflicted brother. Don't let this drop, but send in your mite.

OUR OBLIGATION.

We often think there are many members of our organization who do not comprehend the seriousness of an obligation. We have sat in locals and seen the candidate subjected to the most ridiculous treatment, while taking upon himself a solemn and binding obligation. Brothers, we believe in a certain amount of horse play during an initiation, but not while the obligation is given—that is the time for good, common sense. We wish to leave an impression on the mind of the newly-obligated brother, and this cannot be done if every Tom, Dick and Harry is talking or digging the candidate in the ribs. If there is any funny business, let us not have it while the obligation is being given.

THE REFERENDUM VOTE.

In last month's issue we stated this vote would close Dec. 10, thinking there would be enough returns in to decide. The only question really decided up to now is the removal of the general office to Washington. This is so one-sided there is scarcely a doubt about the final result. Acting under advice from the grand president we have decided to hold the contest open until Dec. 31, when all votes must be in. Locals who failed to get copies of the amendments, kindly notify this office and copies will be sent. The result will be published in the January issue of this paper.

THE LETTER FROM LOCAL 178.

The press secretary of Local 178 has asked some questions of me through these columns that in my mind he has a perfect right to ask, and it is up to me to answer him. He wants to know who gave ex-Grand President Wheeler full power to act. The facts of the case are these. We received a telegram from Akron which read: "Send some one with authority." Knowing that Bro. Wheeler had this case in hand before the convention, we wired back stating Bro. Wheeler would be sent with power to act. Thinking a settlement was in sight, Bro. Wheeler made this report to G. P. Jackson, giving the facts in the case. We can not for the life of us see where one man called off the strike, According to the brother's own words, there was a meeting called, but there were but fourteen members present—enough to do business, according to our constitution. Where were the other members of the local who wanted the strike continued? The other part of his letter, where he refers to Bro. Wheeler, we will let Bro. Wheeler answer for himself, as we know nothing of it.

YOUR OFFICERS.

Before another issue of this paper the locals will have chosen their officers for the ensuing term, and we hope their selections will be wise ones. While all officers of a local are of great importance, there is no denying the fact that the office of financial secretary is the most important, and too much care cannot be exerted in choosing a man for this position, as on his work

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largely depends the success of the local. If you have a good F. S., keep him if possible, as a change complicates matters. The treasurer of your local should be bonded. This is business. Don't say "Jack is a good fellow; he is all right without a bond." Remember it is generally the good fellows who go wrong. Many a poor fellow, honest in his intentions, in an unguarded moment has gone wrong, realizing the fact that there was no bond. No honest man will object to a bond, so bond your treasurer, then you won't have to write to the general office that your treasurer has skipped by the light of the moon. If he should skip while bonded you have no cause to worry; the bond company will attend to his case.

LOCAL 87 would like to know the whereabouts of Bro. Charles Miller. Bro. Miller took a traveling card from this local July 19, 1901, which was sent him by mail to Collo, and returned through the Dead Letter office. Send information concerning him to Benj. M. Lewis, 13 Springfield Ave., Newark, N. J.

Grand President's Report.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7, 1901.

To the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Greeting:

On account of the strike and the large amount of work which had accumulated while I was attending the convention at St. Louis, it was a physical impossibility for me to get time to write anything for the Worker last month.

I appreciate the high honor which was conferred upon me by being elected, and I feel very keenly the great responsibility I have assumed in accepting the office of the executive head of what I hope to be, within the next few years, the greatest organization of skilled workmen in the world.

I shall leave nothing undone, and I shall expect not only the members of the executive board, but every member of the Brotherhood, to spare no effort for the next two years to better our conditions and increase our membership with good material. With the above object in view, at a meeting of the executive board held in St. Louis, Mo., immediately after the convention had adjourned, the members of the executive

board were assigned to the following districts:

W. A. Jackson, G. P., Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, in conjunction with H. J. Hurd, 3rd G. V. P.; Jas. E. Davison, 1st G. V. P., and Thomas B. Spellessy, D. G. O., Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico; F. E. Lockman, 2nd G. V. P., P. H. Wissinger, D. G. O., and George Kendall, Jr., D. G. O., Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Arkansas; H. J. Hurd, 3rd G. V. P., with authority to appoint one D. G. O., Ontario, New Ontario, Manitoba, and part of Quebec, in conjunction with L. F. Spence, 6th G. V. P.; also the State of Michigan, in conjunction with W. A. Jackson, G. P.; John J. Reynolds; 4th G. V. P., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota; C. A. Eaton, 5th G. V. P., and Louis Chester, D. G. O., Washington, British Columbia, Alaska, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, California, Lower California and Hawaii; L. F. Spence, 6th G. V. P., and F. J. Sheehan, G. T., Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, and part of Quebec, in conjunction with H. J. Hurd, 3rd G. V. P.

The president and six vice-presidents to act as organizers in their respective districts. The deputy grand organizers and the grand treasurer to work under the instructions of, and report to the grand vice-president to whom they are assigned to assist. The six grand vice-presidents to be placed under bond of \$1,000 each. They are to make a monthly report to the grand president and forward a copy of the same to the grand secretary, for publication in the Worker, stating the conditions in their districts, new locals organized, if any, and give an itemized account of any expenses incurred. The grand vice-presidents, grand treasurer and deputy grand organizers are to act as organizers only at such times as will be to the best interests of the brotherhood.

The locals will send all communications or telegrams in regard to any difficulties or trouble of any kind, or recommendations or requests, to the grand president or

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the grand vice-president assigned to the district in which they are located.

In accordance with the above plan, each local is within a comparatively short distance of one member of the executive board, with whose approval of recommendation any question that may present itself can be speedily submitted to, and disposed of by the executive board or the brotherhood.

The strike against the Chicago Telephone Co. here and in the State of Illinois is still on. The company is worrying along the best it can, and the men are worrying the company all they can. I think before much longer there will be "something doing," an account of which will make interesting reading for every member of the brotherhood. With the exception of the above difficulty, the conditions in my immediate district are comparatively good.

Yours fraternally,

W. A. JACKSON,
Grand President.

In Memoriam.

The following resolutions were read and adopted Nov. 7th, 1901, by Local No. 61, of Los Angeles:

Whereas, It has pleased God, in His infinite wisdom, through his earthly messenger, Death, to visit us and remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. Earl B. Miller, and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character beyond reproach, worthy of confidence and justice, always dutiful and brave, be it

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days as a token of respect for our brother; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minute book, a copy furnished his relatives, and also be furnished our official journal for publication. Fraternally,

S. L. BROSE,
GEO. MCCLURE,
F. W. FRANKHOWER,
Com.

Resolutions adopted at a special meeting of Linemen's Local Union No. 87, of Newark, N. J., Dec. 8th, 1901:

Whereas, God in His divine mercy has

been pleased to call from our midst our beloved friend and brother, H. L. Geiger; and

Whereas, Sorrow has thrown her sad mantle over his home and friends; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender his grief-stricken wife and family our sincere condolence and our brotherly sympathies in the loss of a loving husband, kind father and faithful brother; and be it further

Resolved, That we as associates with him in our organization, and realizing that words of condolence never yet brought peace to any one, consign his dear ones into the hands of their kind and loving Father in heaven, trusting that He may pour forth upon their grieved hearts His tender and soothing love; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days as a token of respect to our deceased brother, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this local, a copy forwarded to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and a copy published in our official journal, the Electrical Worker.

JAMES HEALEY,
OTTO FILLIGER,
HENRY CONLIN,
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by L. U. No. 2:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst through death the loving helpmate of our worthy brother, Wm. Kerr, be it

Resolved, That the electrical workers of No. 2 extend their heartfelt sympathy to our brother in this hour of his sad bereavement and irrecoverable loss; be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy be sent to our official journal for publication, and a copy be sent to our brother.

JOHN J. MANSON,
JOHN WILSON,
FRANK E. LOCKMAN,
Committee.

L. U. No. 12 of Pueblo, Colo., adopted the following resolutions on the death of Bro. John W. White:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and goodness, to re-

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move from our midst our dearly beloved brother and fellow-man, John W. White; and

Whereas, In life he has always been a devoted brother, working only for the good of his fellowmen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. White we have suffered an irreparable loss, one from which we may never recover. In Bro. White's death the world lost a friend; his mother a noble son; his wife a loving husband, and his children the best of fathers; be it further

Resolved, That we tender to his broken-hearted wife and family our heartfelt sympathy and aid; also be it further

Resolved, That we present to his family a copy of these resolutions, drape our charter in mourning for the period of thirty days, spread a copy of these resolutions on the minutes, and have a copy of the same printed in our official journal and the Pueblo Courier.

CLYDE JORDAN,
HAROLD COSS,
ALBERT JAMES,
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted by L. U. No. 58, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., on the death of J. W. Jorden:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from our midst our beloved and honored Bro. J. W. Jorden, an efficient exponent of the cause of labor and a kind and loving husband, therefore be it

Resolved, That in him we have lost a faithful member, a conscientious worker for the cause of the I. B. E. W., as well as a personal friend; be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days as a token of respect, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minute book, a copy be furnished his family and the journal of the I. B. E. W. for publication.

M. J. DONOHUE,
G. P. HARRINGTON,
R. A. RAUSON,
Committee.

Whereas, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, hath seen fit to remove by death from our midst our brother and friend,

Perry C. Schmidt, on the morning of Nov. 19th, 1901, and

Whereas, We feel that in his death this local has lost an earnest worker, the members individually a staunch and true friend, and the community at large that rarest and noblest of God's creation—an honest man; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy for their great loss, and bid them remember the immortal words of our late martyred president when he said, "It is God's way," and be consoled; and, as a mark of respect to the memory of deceased our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed on our minutes, a copy sent his family, and one copy sent to the Electrical Worker for publication.

Done in regular meeting of Local Union No. 115, I. B. E. W., of Austin, Tex., Nov. 27, 1901.

B. F. MCKAUGHAN,
R. N. LEOK,
B. F. McDONALD,
Committee.

CARDS OF THANKS.

Detroit, Mich.

Fred Weeks, Esq., L. U. 17, Detroit, Mich.:

Dear Sir—I desire to express my thanks for the aid and kindness shown to me by the members of the union at my husband's death, and also for the \$22 given me.

MRS. MARGARET MURRAY.

Allow me to express my heartfelt and sincere thanks to the members of the I. B. E. W. and A. O. U. W. and friends for their many acts of aid, sympathy and kindness during my recent sad bereavement.

That you may never suffer the loss that I have, and meet John in a better world, where there is no care or sorrow, is my daily prayer.

MRS. JOHN W. WHITE.

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. Some critics of union men's actions should do a little work themselves and talk less about those who are working honestly, even though they do sometimes make a mistake.

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A GIANT AT TEN.

International Correspondence Schools Celebrated Tenth Anniversary.

Ten years ago, October the 16th, Mr. Thomas Coates, of Peckville, Pa., enrolled as the first student of the schools, and his enrollment marks the beginning of one of the most successful careers that has ever attended the launching of any enterprise in the United States. The growth of this institution is the greatest educational achievement of the century. In 1891 eight or nine persons performed the work that now necessitates the services of an army of 2,500, and up to the present time 341,500 students have been enrolled in the schools.

When Mr. Coates became a student of the schools the institution was known as the Correspondence School of Mines, giving instruction in coal mining, and it is a credit to this system of education, which has grown and been perfected in such an extraordinary manner, that the first student, who at the time of his enrollment was an ordinary coal miner, was enabled by his course of study to secure the position of mine superintendent. It must be gratifying for the schools to be able to state that thousands of their students are filling important positions in every line of industry and in every quarter of the civilized world. Many of these students persevered in their studies, and simply upon their own showing of improvement and advancement in technical knowledge secured higher positions, while many others were placed in lucrative positions through the agency of the schools.

The new printing office now being erected by the schools will be the largest private printing plant in the world.

Shut Out the Chinese.

The announcement that President Roosevelt in his forthcoming message to Congress will recommend the re-enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Act is one that will meet with almost universal approval. Though the agitation to allow the Chinese to enter the United States has aroused comparatively little attention in the East, such a measure would prove one of the most far-reaching in evil effects since the passage of acts by the early colonies per-

mitting slaves to be brought to our shores.

No country in the world is so densely populated as China; in no other country do the rank and file of the people live on such small pay. The most careful and economical American laborer and his family would starve on wages which enable a Chinaman not only to live in comfort, but to save money. If the American workingman is to meet such competition it is only a question of a comparatively short time when he will be reduced to practical slavery.

On the Pacific Slope, where the people have had real experience of what Chinese competition means, the suggestion that the bars against their entrance to this country should be let down has aroused the bitterest opposition. In its natural advantages no State excels California; in the flush times following the discovery of gold and wheat, with a comparatively small population, it would seem that the condition of the laboring man would have been the best in the world. Yet in the face of the starvation wages asked by Chinese labor the workingmen of San Francisco were a few years ago in a most deplorable condition. They have no desire to see it duplicated.

Were Chinese immigration to be allowed, the last state of the men who must compete with them would be worse than the first. The siege of Peking, the march of the allied troops, have made the Western World known to millions of Chinese who had never heard of America before. They have listened to tales of the wealth of this country and the wages paid, wages that to millions of Chinamen seem immense. All over the Yellow Kingdom are hundreds of thousands who are only waiting for the news that immigration is possible, to set sail for the United States.

In another important point Chinese immigration is more undesirable than that of any other nation. Almost every other race comes to this country to live here permanently, fired with the ambition to become American citizens. They bring up their children as Americans. If they prosper their prosperity is a part of the prosperity of the country. America could ill miss the Irish, German, Scottish and Italian immigrants who have landed at Castle Garden as emigrants, but ultimately have ranked

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among our most useful citizens. But with the Chinaman it is different. To the end of his life he is a Chinaman, never an American. When he dies his body is sent back to China. While he lives, his savings are sent to the same place. Even if he lives among us to the second and third generation he and his children are members of an alien civilization, completely out of sympathy with our aims and ideals. They cannot be civilized according to our standards, for they belong to a civilization of their own which was old when our ancestors fought in primeval forests with beasts scarcely fiercer than themselves.

Jacob A. Riis, whom no one could accuse of discrimination against the unfortunate, says that the Chinese are the one race whom America cannot assimilate, with whom neither police nor charities can do anything, who to the end are strangers in a strange land. Against them alone he recommends the most stringent exclusion laws.

The only interests which are anxious for Chinese immigration are the Chinese themselves and the transportation companies that have a direct pecuniary interest in their admission. On the other side are the strongest interest of America and American workingmen.

During the brief time he has held office President Roosevelt has done many things that are approved by every fair-minded citizen, irrespective of politics. But it is safe to say that none of his acts can be more popular than stringent advocacy of Chinese exclusion.—Times.

Notes from the Supply Room.

Miss Crossarm will give a roof party at her home on Chestnut Stick. Insulators without petticoats will not be admitted.

Bro. Chisel and Handax are to lecture next week on "Some gains we have made."

Mr. Stepdown Transformer was recently in Chicago. There is said to be a woman in the case—a Miss Direction. He was a member of the Ampere Turn-Verein.

There was quite a blow-out in the Fuse Block the other night. There is a warm, flashy crowd of plugs there, and they ought to be pulled.

Mr. Power Circuit was found dead the other morning. The connections have our sympathy.

Mr. Arc Light was recently removed from a theatre for hissing during the performance. He claims that the soubrette made a remark about a "bum lamp," and which he thought was personal; but she meant it for the villain, who had one of his eyes in a sling.

Our young friend, Mr. Battery Salt, has written a song entitled "I ain't a-going to creep no more." It is very popular with station men.

We have received sample copies of a recent novel entitled "A Rabbit-hunt in Chi; or Nick Carter at a Lineman's hang-out." We didn't know there were any rabbits in Chicago; please put us wise.

Hi Voltage made some bad breaks in the station yesterday. Several members of the Motor family were quite worked up about it.

The inspector who shot Trouble in a saloon on Market street last week will get time for it.

Mr. Brush was noticed sparking with Miss Commutator last evening. We hope there is no serious attachment between the two.

The Rev. Mr. Booster, a convertor, is roasting the Watt-Meter gang on their fast ways.

Market report—Currents going up; a new fifty-foot lead being built.

"PETE."

The editor of a labor exchange says: "Editing this paper is a nice thing. If we publish jokes we are rattle-brained. If we don't, we are old fossils. If we publish original matter they say we don't give them enough selections. If we give them selections they say we are too lazy to write. If we don't go to church we are heathens; if we do we are hypocrites. If we remain in the office we ought to go out and hunt locals; if we go out, then we are not attending to our business. If we wear old clothes they laugh at us; if we wear good clothes they say we have a pull. Now, what are we to do? Just as likely some one will say we stole this from an exchange, and so we did."

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OUR LOCALS.

Local Union No. 3.

New York, Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

My article in last month's Worker was conspicuous by its absence, but for that I am not wholly to blame, as I was waiting for a report from our committee to the convention, and as they did not report until yesterday, Dec. 5th, it was impossible for me to make any comments on what took place. Since hearing the report, I cannot say I am very much elated at the ungentlemanly conduct some of the delegates to the convention displayed in their treatment of No. 3. While we do not wish to go on record as being the finest and best conducted labor organization in existence, we do claim that we are honest and sincere in all our business transactions. Whether they are to our interest or detriment does not make any particular difference; for if we enter into an agreement we propose to live up to it until its expiration and we expect others to do the same.

While I have presented nothing but the dark side of the convention I do not wish the brothers to think there was no sunshine, for there was, and plenty of it, and in particular I wish to mention the commendable and never-to-be-forgotten conduct of our grand secretary, H. W. Sherman. We do not forget when you last visited us, and what you said, and Local No. 3 wishes to extend to you its thanks for the honorable manner in which you lived up to your word.

According to the report of our committee, there was considerable ill-feeling shown between the inside wiremen and the outside men, why I really do not know or cannot comprehend, for I believe every local pays its per capita to the I. B., and if, unfortunately, they get into difficulties with their employers, the I. B. comes to their assistance whether they be inside or outside men. Now, brothers, as long as we all contribute to a common cause, why can't we make it a common cause, even if our work is not of the same nature, for remember factionalism leads to discontent, and that means disruption, and if it should

ever come to this (which I sincerely hope not), you will find an independent international organization of inside wiremen.

In last October's Worker I had quite a tart article in reference to a local in our immediate vicinity, and I have only this to say in reference to the same, what I said I meant, and I stand ready to prove it at any time. Furthermore, I would like to state that whenever you have a just grievance against a local, the best place to air it is in the Worker. This being the official organ, and all locals being contributors, naturally all the locals are entitled to the news, but when you do give it to a local in such a manner as to not appear very brotherly, please have the good sense to stick to your remarks, and not conclude with an item similar to this: "I hope the brothers of local such a number will not take any offense at what I say," when any one with the least pride could not do otherwise than feel offended.

On Thursday, Nov. 28, we had a brother from Local 98 of Philadelphia visit us in reference to sending a delegation to the convention of the American Federation of Labor to be held at Scranton, Pa., on Dec. 5th. From Bro. C. S. Andries' remarks it appears that the plumbers' and gas fitters' organizations of Chicago and Cincinnati have made a demand for all conduit work as now installed by us. Of course the demand is preposterous, but nevertheless if we don't get together and fight this thing to a finish there is no telling what the ultimate result will be. As requested, we have sent two delegates to the convention, Bros. Frank Sweek and Charles Nelson, and I think they will be able to prove the injustice of the gas fitters' demands, and I hope we will be able to establish our rights to the installation of electrical conduits for all time.

If Local 98 offers no objection I would be pleased to congratulate them for having such an able committeeman as Bro. C. S. Andries, who seems to keep himself well posted on everything pertaining to the welfare of the trade.

For the benefit of members of Local 3, I wish to draw their attention to the coming semi-annual election. We will shortly nominate our officers for the ensuing six months, so find out who has done his duty

to the organization and see to it that he is again elected, and those who in your judgment have not come up to expectations retire to the ranks and elect competent men to fill their places. But above all things do not allow any person to hand you a prepared ticket and ask you to vote for it, for in my estimation any honorable member will not beg for an office, and if nominated he will look to his good name and the common sense of the members to elect him to the position.

H. GRIEGER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 4.

New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have not much to say in this letter, as X-mas is so close at hand we are all hurry and bustle attending to home affairs, so that we may have the little ones smiling at all the presents that Santa Claus may bring us.

We are preparing to give a complimentary ball on New Year's Eve, and Nos. 130 and 4 giving the ball jointly ought to insure a success; at all events we will try and make it so.

I have nothing to say at this time about the New Tel. Co. The franchise has been granted, but when it will start I cannot say. All the boys are working, and a few that dropped in with paid-up cards have also gone to work.

We are taking great interest in the appeal we received from dear old No. 9. Every member came to the front. It will be glorious to all of the electrical workers to hear of No. 9's conquering the Chicago Tel. Co. and this man Sabin, as he calls himself. He is a good subject to be brought to the Sabine pass and dumped in with a big rock around his neck. I have reference to that large body of treacherous water that empties itself into the Gulf of Mexico, and can carry all the trash that you might bring down here off the face of the earth. If we were only permitted to do this what a blessing it would be to the workingman. The earth would be cleaned of all its oppressors and tyrants. I think we have one down here, but we will leave that to time to find out. I will say good

night and success to Local No. 9. Let us hear from you, Bro. Jacklin.

THOS. ASPINWALL.

Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At the present writing it is raining. Winter weather has come and work is getting very slack.

No. 6 has organized a base ball team and requested me to challenge any team in the United States to play for ten cents a side. Shedd throws a beautiful bunch of curves but last Sunday he could not find the plate until he was at the supper table. Max is a fine catcher, but his specialty is girls. Rex, the old war-horse, is on first with the big mitt us usual. Levy, with a bushel basket, is on second; Drembel, with a horse and buggy, is on third. If Bill Clark had a bicycle he would catch more flies. If Ortner would get chicken off the brain he could catch more fouls. Fiand came all the way from Oakland to catch the ball but only caught cold, then he tried to take the Oakland ferry to Frisco but they told him it belonged to the Southern Pacific Company. Teddy tried to umpire the game but could not tell whether they were playing checkers, marbles or base ball. Dick Alexander tried to keep the score but after counting 150 runs, he had to go home to his dinner. The following bill Hot Water Tom sent to Mr. Johnson:

Breaking front door push button . . .	\$50
Putting on a new one	90
Breaking hammer off electric bell . . .	10
Soldering on a new one	15
Boring hole in sliding door	80
Plugging it up again	80
Soldering up 4 short circuits	40
Untapping 2 grounds	20
Material used, 22 ft. bushing	22
11 ft. knobs	11
2 lbs. of moulding	02
1 qt. of volts	10
8 yds. ampers	08
1 pint of fuse wire	01
Putting my foot through the ceiling . .	1.00
Patching up the ceiling	3.00

Total \$9.39

Mr. Johnson brought this bill up to the union to see if he had been overcharged.

This is the end of my sinning. I am going away back and sit down and give a good man a chance to write for the Worker.

Yours truly,

CHICK AMES,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 10.

Indianapolis, Nov. 25, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Dear Sir and Brothers—I desire to call the attention of the brotherhood to one T. H. Maloney, an ex-member of No. 10 who has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member, inasmuch as he has violated that part of his obligation in which he promised to "never knowingly wrong a brother or see him wronged when in his power to prevent it." The facts are these: On or about April 1st I received a letter from him asking for information in reference to his standing in No. 10. He was then 18 months in arrears and I so informed him. He was then at Vallejo, Cal. I did not again hear from him till August 10th, somewhere in the vicinity of Butte, Mon. He again asked in reference to his standing in No. 10, and also informed me that he had sent \$10 for dues to our late secretary, Guy McCulloch, from Spokane, Wash., but had never received any account. I also received a letter from the secretary of No. 65, of Butte, Mon., about the same time, informing me that Maloney held a post-office money order receipt for \$10, which amount he had sent to No. 10 for dues, but it had never been acknowledged. I answered both letters to the effect that Maloney was 24 months in arrears and that if he had sent any money to No. 10 he had better investigate, as no money had been received at this end of the line. I did not again hear from them till the convention in St. Louis, when I was called from one of the sessions and met Maloney. He showed me a P. O. money order receipt for \$10, and again claimed he sent it to the secretary of No. 10. I took the receipt, giving him a receipt therefor, and agreed to investigate it as soon as I returned to Indianapolis. I referred the matter to our business agent and he wrote to the postmaster at Spokane and received the following answer: "M. O. No. 38327, herein referred to, was purchased by Harry

J. Morgan, St. Louis Hotel, Spokane, Wash., in favor of Jas. Morgan, White Bear Lake, Minn. Amount, \$10. G. W. Temple, Postmaster." The object of Maloney was to apparently require further discussion. He secured this receipt by some means and tried to use it to secure credit for dues that he had never paid and at the same time place our late secretary under the ban of suspicion until the trick was exposed. Such actions on the part of members should receive the severest condemnation, and I hope he will be treated as he deserves until he straightens matters out with No. 10. Fraternaly yours,

THOS. H. FORBES.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6, 1901.

H. W. Sherman:

We have too much resistance in the line this month, so the news will be very little from No. 10. We have plenty of work. Every one is busy.

No. 10 is still growing, for our business agent is on the hustle all the time. We have 175 members in good standing. We expect an answer to our proposition for a new agreement this week some time. When we get the new agreement signed by the contractors I can easily say that No. 10 will be one of the best locals in the brotherhood.

Bro. Bolen is the only one left on the sick list.

I suppose this will be my last letter, for we have election of new officers next week, so good-by.

Yours fraternally,

W. O. DUDLEY,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 12.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local Union No. 12 is in mourning for one of the best union men that ever made a connection or closed a circuit. On the evening of Nov. 11, at 12 o'clock, Bro. John W. White was almost instantly killed while in the discharge of his duties as troubleman for the Pueblo Light and Traction Co. In some way, supposedly unknown, he became grounded while closing an arc circuit and received the full force of the current directly through his body, from arm to arm, killing him almost instantly.

In losing Bro. White we have suffered a loss that will be hard to recover from. He was one of the earliest members of No. 12 and always worked for the upholding of the union and the betterment of his fellow-men and brothers. Being one of nature's noblemen, he had a host of friends who will combine with us in mourning for him for many a day. To those who had the honor to personally know him, it was only to love and revere him. Kind and indulgent to his family, he made the best of a husband and father; generous to a fault, no brother ever asked a favor of him that was not granted if it lay in his power to do so. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., and with their assistance we had one of the longest funeral corteges ever seen in Pueblo.

He left a heart-broken wife, a dear old mother, four loving children and five affectionate brothers and sisters to mourn him. The parting at the grave was almost pitiful in its intensity. When the boys at last realized that John was gone, strong-hearted though they were, many of us broke down and wept, and I don't think any of them will ever have cause to regret it.

A benefit ball is to be given at the Mineral Palace Dec. 5, for his widow, and beyond doubt it will be the largest success of any ball ever given in Pueblo. Many are the expressions of regret to be heard on the street, and they all point to the words with which we may best express ourselves, and they are, "He was a man." What more could be said of any man.

Bro. White, may you rest in peace; and when you look down and read our hearts you will find on them these words: "Gone, but not forgotten, through all time."

"Earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes," so shall we all return.

We desire to correct a statement made in our September Worker in regard to Frank Berlin. We have lately found out that it was only a personal grievance of Bro. Smith's against Berlin, and upon advice received from our G. S., Berlin was not guilty of the charge of scabbing. Brothers, kindly look up your September Worker and correct the charges in your own mind. The evening of Bro. White's death Berlin showed himself a man of no mean

calibre. At imminent danger and risk to himself he kept Bro. White from falling for fifteen minutes, and as a result had his arms nearly pulled from their sockets and his fingers torn from their joints. A man to play the hero as he did could not possibly be guilty of the acts ascribed to him, as we can prove. Bro. Smith, to err is human, and what a funny world this would be if we were all angels.

Local No. 12 is in A 1 shape at the present time and you can bet that we are Johnnie on the spot when it comes to helping out a sister union, it matters not who they may be.

We can't shake our hoodoo, as Bro. White was killed, Bro. Hooper seriously injured, and Bro. Daniels had the small pox, all within the past thirty days.

At the present time a few men with paid-up cards could secure work here. A good chance for a couple of inside wiremen.

Brothers of No. 9, we are with you, hide, tooth and tallow, both in sympathy and financial aid. Hang together and let no man falter, for united you stand, divided you fall.

We are gaining strength at every meeting, in the person of new members, and to copy from the Bible, "Praise the Lord." We are going to elect a new president at our next meeting, and its dollars to doughnuts that our present F. S., Bro. E. O. Ringer, will be the man.

Bro. Chas. Middagh, if you see this, write to Bro. C. S. Russell, of this city.

A bouquet and a spoilt egg and I am done. Here is the bouquet: In Bro. Ringer we have the ideal union man. He has worked both night and day for the good of the I. B. E. W., and would sell his coat to feed a brother. That's him.

I dislike to speak ill of any man, be he union or non-union, but here goes the egg. If you ever meet a fellow by the name of Leslie McGuire, kindly hand him a bunch of fives tied up, with No. 20's compliments. About two months ago he floated through here busted flat, and the boys played the good Samaritan and took him in, although a non-union man, and in return he took them in by getting all he could and skipped out. Leslie McGuire, that's him.

Dear Editor and brothers, kindly bear with me this time and my next I'll try and

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cut shorter. Congratulations for the officers elected at the I. C.

For the good of men,
CLYDE JORDAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 13.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the time has arrived to write another letter to the Worker 'tis time I was at it. That reminds me that we are liable to be deprived of our journal unless it is sent to us by express, as I see where Mr. Madden has barred a labor paper out of the mails in Chicago; he also barred a socialist paper out of the mails in New York, and is trying to bar out the "Appeal to Reason," another socialist paper, published at Girard, Kan. If this is not a blow at free speech and a free press, I would like to know what to call it. For myself, I would like to see Mr. Madden bar every paper that did not suit him or the parties behind him in his work, for it takes just such things to wake the majority of people up. I have noticed that the only thing that will make the average working man do a little thinking is starvation. Just as long as his stomach is full, he uses it to think with; but when it is empty he has to use his brains. Take the linemen, for instance. I mean the average floater; he hits a town on the hummer, looks up a brother and gets the price of a meal, comes out rubbing his stomach, not caring where the next meal comes from. Probably he will strike a job and go to work, and all he thinks about is Saturday. Saturday comes and so does the long green, and then comes the booze, followed by a headache and probably the jail. Monday comes, but Mr. Liner does not. His place has been filled and he gets canned. Mr. Liner is around amongst the boys looking for some one to feed him, and lots of the boys put up for him after him spending all his money for booze. Along comes a freight train and Mr. Liner pulls his, leaving some of the boys to pay his room rent. I have often thought what a lot of hungry liners there would be if they were all alike. Cases like the above have occurred here several times and probably those fellows will hit here again, but they will have to talk the lodg-

ing-house keepers out of a room, for none of the boys will stand good for them.

Say, Mr. Editor, when are we going to get a report of the convention? So far we are in the dark. I see where some one was paid for printing the report of the convention. Please don't overlook No. 13 if there are any left.

In reading over the Worker I saw where some brother was inquiring for Pattie Bunting. There is a P. T. Bunting that belongs to No. 13 and was a member of No. 9 in Chicago. We call him Shorty. He is working for the Bisbe Improvement Co. at Bisbe, Ariz. He also worked in New York City and Brooklyn, and I want to say that he is all O. K. Shorty has got a pipe that bothers him a good deal keeping it lit. When he gets it lit he will take two puffs and a spit and then ask some one for a match.

Work here is pretty brisk at present. The Street R. R. Co. has quite a number of men working, and there seems to be plenty of liners to do the work. The Independent Tel. Co. has been doing a good deal of underground work, and I don't know when they intend to start their overhead work. I do know that they are going to have trouble if they don't get right pretty soon, as No. 13 has been looking forward to the time when they would be placed in such a position as they are going to be placed in when they get ready to do their overhead work, and don't you forget that we are able to take care of them in proper shape. Some few people are going to think that No. 13 is an unlucky number. I want to say that No. 13 has been unlucky to everyone that has tried to do it dirt.

I see in the last Worker that the press secretary of No. 102 is taking sides with me on socialism; also another brother, I can't just remember where, but they show by their writing that they are men that think. I want to thank them for being men enough to write what they think, and I want to make a prediction, and that is, if ever the trades unions ever better their condition they will do it at the ballot box instead of strikes. The cost of living has advanced 40 per cent. in the last year and wages have advanced 10 per cent., a clear cut in wages of 30 per cent. The trusts

are the offspring of favorable legislation. They are allowed to tax the people without representation. Our forefathers rebelled at such doctrines, and we, their successors, are we degenerates that we will stand for such things? There is no ruler in the world that has got the power that the Standard Oil Co. has got, and how long they will continue in power is more than I would venture to say, as everyone knows that a law that would restrain any company that is as greasy as the S. O. Co. would be a dandy.

Say, brothers, we are going to have a carnival here next January, the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, and if any of you care to come we will show you a grand time.

With regards to all locals, I remain

Yours,

JOHN BLAKE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 15.

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In reply to ex-Bro. Hilton's article as coming from Local 15, would state that it did not, and was not endorsed by the local. It was a personal letter. Would like to inform Mr. Hilton that the F. S. of Local 15 is and has been waiting quite a while for him to square himself on the books as he jumped the fence. Let us know your address and it will avoid our using the Worker to find you.

E. ARRINGTON,
Pres. Local 15.

Local Union No. 16.

Mt. Vernon, Ind., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, here it is again, but this time I am down in the wilds of Posey county, the land of hoop-poles, pumpkins and paw-paws. Things are progressing very nicely at Evansville as far as I can learn, although we have had the bad luck to have one of our members killed while at work in Sacramento, Cal., Bro. John Boyd. He transferred into No. 16 from No. 20, and was a good, conscientious brotherhood man. The brothers of 36 at Sacramento gave him as good attention as possible. For this we thank them to the bottom of our hearts. Memorial resolutions will be found in another place.

We also had an ex-brother die, James Averett, an old-timer. The boys made a suitable purse for the widow.

It is almost Christmas time, and I hope all have a merry Christmas and happy New Year, and that the next year may bring forth more for unionism than any previous year in the history of our organization.

Local 16 did very well, taking in six new members and having two straighten up back dues in the month of November, and I think December will be even better.

Bro. Hartly brought in four of our new members last month, and I think I will have that many this month. I already have three card men and the rest must.

Well, fellows, she's snowing outside. The first this season. Guess I will chisel it out for this time.

Fraternally,
E. E. HOSKINSON.

Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time for another letter I will try and do my duty. No. 18 is still on deck, but fighting hard to keep up. The fight is awful hard here in K. C., but just as long as there is seven us left we mean to keep it up; we will never give up the ship.

There is some little work going on here for linemen. The Gamewell Co. is installing a fire and police alarm system here. The foreman of the job is an ex-member of No. 18, and I want to say here that he is not doing the square thing by us—not one of our boys is on the job. How any man can profess to be a union man and then refuse union men work is a little more than I can understand. And this man claims to be a good union man at that. H— is full of such men. No. 18 don't want any of them in her ranks; we are only a few, but we are proud of that few, I am here to tell you.

We also expect to have a competing telephone company here in the near future. An ordinance has been granted to the Enoch Co., of St. Charles, Mo., to construct one. They will start in to build as soon as they have got 3,000 subscribers. The new company have got their solicitors out now, and they expect to have the 3,000 subscribers by the first of the year, so we

hope to get to work soon; but hopes are not going to fill the babies' stockings on Christmas Eve.

Bro. Lester Reed has not improved very much from the fall he got. He is still in a plaster cast, and still suffers a great deal. Bro. Reed and wife extend their thanks to the brothers that have stood by them in their sad misfortune, and also would like to have as many call as can do so.

Your humble servant is still at the Court House, and I expect to stay another year yet, and by the help of God and the democratic party, two years longer than that.

Bro. Sheehan is going to try and raise the wind to get me a pair of artificial limbs, for which I wish to thank each and every brother in advance, whether he can contribute anything or not. If it is only a dime, send it to Bro. Sheehan, and you will have my thanks. For, remember the widow's mite.

Bro. Sherman, haven't you got a proof reader? In my last month's letter you have got a few mistakes (who don't make them)? I do for one. Where you had Sherman it should have been Sheehan, and George Reitz should have read George Deitz. Well, never mind, Bro. Sherman, you are the right man in the right place; you certainly have worked hard to make the Worker the success that it is and I for one will support you in all that you undertake.

Well, it is late, so I will have to ring off, with a hello to all the boys I met at St. Louis.

Yours for the Brotherhood,
HARVEY BURNETT,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 20.

Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having abundance of spare time just at present I deemed it advisable to devote part of it to writing something for the Worker, as the editor of which, it seems, depends on the different locals to furnish him with printing matter. I note with pleasure one very instructive article in the Worker of October, "Why Dynamos and Motors Fail to Start." Now, it seems to me that if we had a similar article each month it would have a tendency to elevate the minds of electrical workers and furnish

them with information and knowledge that at some period of their lives may be of priceless value. No doubt some one will say there are plenty of electrical works on the market now. We know all that; but how many are there who do not even know the names of such works. It would be well, I think, to have an article each month treating either on telegraphy, telephony, or electric lighting. There are some brothers I know who are well able to write a treatise on such subjects, and by so doing will no doubt enlighten others who have not been fortunate enough to acquire such knowledge heretofore.

And above all things, brother workers, look out for the coon. He is certainly one of our greatest enemies. He is a strike-breaker and a sucker; I won't say anything about chicken coops and watermelon patches. There is quite a movement on foot at present to educate the negro. In my experience I have in all cases found him happier in his ignorance. In educating the coon you will find that we are only brightening his criminal intellect. You will also find that those of the negroes who marry our white women and ravish our white women are among the better or educated class. Therefore Shakespeare can again be used to advantage, "When ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Keep the negro in ignorance and educate the whites to that point where they will look with contempt upon our dusky foe. Keep them where they belong—on a reservation; where they can raise cotton, cane and hell, to their hearts' content. Do not work on a job with a nigger, but hold yourselves far above them. I admit with regret that at the close of the civil war the negro was given his freedom, and we, noble, proud, generous whites, were given negro equality. Let us electrical workers draw the color line, pull up slack and hold all you've got. Keep the nigger down; make him respect the whites, who in all instances are his superiors. It is up to us, boys, to keep him in check; by so doing you will promote our order. Let it never be said that a burr-head ever darkened a door of one of our locals.

"A pebble in a streamlet scant
Has turned the course of many a river;

A dewdrop on a tiny plant
Has warped a giant oak forever."

Hello, Tom Irons of 131! I see you have taken quite a jump. We are all glad to know you are doing well, and sincerely hope you will continue with the good work. You will always find a cordial welcome whenever you return to "Big Smoke." The boys of No. 20 were all very sorry to hear that Bro. F. Bonnell has a lame wing and hope for his speedy recovery. No. 137, take good care of him; you'll find him O. K.

Hello, 29! In behalf of Bro. P. J. Dunn, your old president and our present president, I beg to inform you that he is, and no doubt always will be, the same old Paddy—always a good word for everyone; and if he hasn't a good word for a fellow he just won't say anything. Oh, yes; he and Bro. Dougherty returned from St. Louis smiling and happy. I guess they were well entertained in St. L., as they both had a good healthy appearance on their return, also enough reports, rituals of new orders, and nutshells with babies enclosed, to fill a peck measure. Under the administration of Pres. P. J. Dunn Sub-L. 20 is in a thriving condition. Nearly all linemen in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon are carrying a card, and I must say it is indeed refreshing to attend our meetings, as nearly every night there is some one seeking admission to our order, and as Sub L. No. 20 has some pretty husky individuals in good standing it don't take long to administer to the wants of the applicants. I do not wish to throw bouquets at L. U. 20 and Sub-L. U. 20, as I am one of that prosperous bunch myself, but I do wish to say right here that we are certainly in good condition, having little or no grievance to speak of, and there seems to be plenty of work around here to keep all the boys off the streets.

To-day, Nov. 29, is the first we have seen of the "Beautiful." No doubt if I were on top of a 75 or 80-footer I would not think it quite so beautiful, but as it is I am laid up with a sore "prop" caused by a pole falling with me about three weeks ago. Am now almost well enough to return to work again.

If I have not answered all inquiring brothers, just take it for granted that I have and please take the will for the deed.

Now, just a bit of advice to all, and I hope that no offense will be taken. In speaking of work, or in fact anything connected with the I. B. E. W., be careful what you say, for the very walls have ears, and many times a word lightly spoken often creates more trouble than a nest of hornets. We all of us often say things thoughtlessly that we would gladly recall, but then it is too late; the trouble has started and no one knows where it will end.

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds,
But you can't do that when you're flying words;
To be careful with fire is good advice, we know;
To be careful with words is ten times doubly so.
Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back dead,
But God Himself can't kill them when they're said."

Hello 21, of Philadelphia! Kindly let me know if W. J. Hartney, of W. Phila., is one of your number, and if he is, tell him to write to me, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

PADDY F. KELLY.

Local Union No. 29.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here we are; 29 is right in line, everything running along smoothly. The Bell Co. sent five men to Philadelphia. Our best wishes go with them. All the boys here are working.

The Interstate Telephone started to take down the old Home Co.'s lines on Dec. 1st. They have about ten men. Any brother with an up-to-date card can catch on there at present. It is strictly a union job, and all their work is to be up to date.

Some of the boys have gone South, as it is pretty cold here now. Bro. Joe Maloney has gone back to Bridgeport, Conn. Charlie (Sitting Bull) Cheiks went to Brooklyn, where "Kid" Rivers snared him and took him to the wilds of Pennsylvania. We sent him his toothbrush and blankets at once.

I am sorry to say Bro. Ed Walton met

with an accident Nov. 30th, caused by a step pulling out of a pole. He fell twenty feet and broke his left arm. He is getting along nicely. That's all. CLIFF, P. S.

Local Union No. 30.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I was not authorized to write this by No. 30 but we were so surprised with the presence of Past Grand President Wheeler at our last meeting that we forgot to elect a press secretary, so, rather than to run chances on some one else writing, I have taken the liberty of doing a little scratching myself,

Old No. 30 is still in the swim, although somewhat disfigured and disabled by the interior wiremen leaving us and sailing their own boat, No. 212—but as you all know No. 30 was too big—we could hardly find a hall large enough to hold them. Good luck to you, 212; we all hope you will succeed and grow fat. We have not had the attendance of late we would like. We have remitted all strike assessments to those who had not paid them and now would like to have them all come and enjoy our meetings. Come on, brothers, pay your back dues and leave your address for our new ledger and if you do not get a Worker the secretary will see that you will.

We have asked the grand president to allow us to open our charter for 30 days, now see how many new members you can bring in. I want to see who will get the prize for the most new members. Bro. Wheeler is here working in the interest of No. 30 and 212 and his time is not limited either, so if any of you brothers meet him give him a helping hand.

I hope that no brother will get offended at the action we took in remitting all strike assessments. We thought it was for the best, so if you don't like it you should have been there and had your say.

So long boys,
JOHN.

Local Union No. 34.

Pekin, Ill., Dec. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I've concluded, in regard to No. 34, of Peoria, Ill., I am not in a position to give very much news, as I am working out of

the city. Ever since the strike in September, when the telephone boys went out and lost, only two being taken back, and the rest left Peoria for other cities, No. 34 has been in bad shape. For some time there were hardly enough members left to hold meetings.

The C. U. T. Co. is doing considerable work, and of late there have been several union men put to work for them who deposited cards in No. 34. The local is now improving. Will have six candidates to be initiated next Monday night.

The Citizens Telephone Co is building a plant in Pekin, Ill., a neighboring city to Peoria. There is no local there, so the boys go to Peoria to attend meetings, and I am pleased to state this is a strictly union job. No lineman need stop in Pekin without a paid-up card, as he will not be recognized.

A brother from 201 would like to hear from that local in the Worker.

I will draw to a close, as my time is limited.

Respectfully,

R. W. SHERIDAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 40.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are still pegging away in the same old way, every one is working and getting ready for winter. As I have not had time to read the Worker and have very little news, I will necessarily have to write a very short letter and probably if I cut it short they will get some one else to tell their troubles.

I was very sorry to find that your last issue did not contain the proceedings of the convention. As I was not able to attend lodge lately I missed it altogether, and besides, there are a lot of night men who depend upon the union papers to keep them posted. Possibly if the papers would print the news it would keep many a man from dropping out. We still have a boycott on the Citizens' Tel. Co., but have declared the Bell Co. an open job.

Bro. Waller, of the City Street Lighting department (municipal plant), is working a big gang, with Bro. Bartlett as assistant foreman.

We want some information about a scab

who is working here as foreman for the Citizens' Tel. Co. His name is P. T. McCarrier, and he has a brother here by the name of M. C. McCarrier; also has a brother some place in Iowa who is a union man. They have been trying to get him to come and scab also. P. T. claims to belong to the brotherhood in Minneapolis. Probably he belonged to some union in Iowa. He is scabbing down here and is trying to make a record. If any one knows of him please let us know.

Does any one know where Marion Slaybaugh is? If you do, give him the hot foot. He is not only a scab, but is a traitor to our cause. Don't confound him with Jake Slaybaugh, who is as true a union man as ever walked.

Bro. Melvine resigned his position as trimmer for the city, and Bro. Imboden has his route. Bro. Imboden says his feet are sore already. Try a little soap and water, Alf; that will help them. We will probably hear from Bro. Melvine later.

WISE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 49.

Chicago, Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The year 1901 is nearly gone and No. 49 is still in the grand order of the I. B. E. W., and still bears the distinction of being the only local composed of trimmers in the order. I hope that will not be the case at the end of the next year. The year we are leaving wasn't a very prosperous one for Local 49. It made no advancement in the way of membership to speak of. There are still unorganized in Chicago 175 or 200 trimmers. This would be a good place for an organizer to work. It would surely pay to have one in the field. Here are a few that are still unorganized and can't be caught by local men. Chicago Parks system, which employs nearly 30 trimmers, and not one a union man; the Commonwealth Elec. Co., which employs on the south side 20, north side 12 and west side 7 trimmers, and only one a union man and does both commercial and street lighting. The Edison Co. employs in the four sections of the city about 75 trimmers, and only one a union man, commercial lighting. Then comes the large stores and shops about the city, which employ about

30 trimmers, and the city of Chicago with 75 or more trimmers, of which 65 are union men. These figures are not imaginary, but very nearly correct, and so the membership of 49 is only 67.

Now, brothers, don't you think that there should be an open meeting, our charter opened, and steps taken to make the rolls of next year read 267 instead of 67? Would it not be better for all concerned? I will say, the officers and some members of the local did not leave a stone unturned in the past year to make the rolls read better, and they deserve much credit, especially from those members who are union men in name only, those who will not lend their mite by taking interest enough to benefit their own cause, and who do not realize the folly of so doing, for it will only be a short time when good union men will be qualified to take their places, with the backing of the union they ignored. The quicker they realize their standing and come forward, put forth energy and hustle for union principles and put themselves good on the books, the sooner they will benefit themselves and the local, and also have the kind wishes of their fellow-workmen and brothers.

Chicago gained the grand prize in landing the grand president, and I think the man selected will fill the position honorably, for he is an honest, straightforward man, and Local 49 congratulates the I. B. E. W. on the choice of all grand officers elected.

Hoping all locals feel the same, and wishing all a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year, I remain,

Fraternally,

F. J. STRUBBE.

Local Union No. 52.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is a long time since the Worker contained a letter from Local 52, so I trust the brothers will endure this one and not condemn me if I make any mistakes. First of all, in behalf of 52, I want to thank the delegates of our last convention for the way they helped Local 52 and justice. It is the same old story, if you are right, "fight," and right will win in the end. No. 52 was right and did fight, etc.

On the first of the year we go out for \$3.50 per day and a set of working rules equal to No. 3's, and from the present indications we will get it without much trouble. Still it is hard to tell what the contractors might do, but we are prepared for them in any case.

The United Electric Co. is still running a scab shop in the change-over from the overhead to the underground system, and I am sorry to say there is a brother from 99, of Providence, scabbing it on us. I have not his name in mind at present, but I will have it spelled in capital letters in our January Worker.

We have in our midst at present Bros. Denver, Cleary and Judson from 99, Floyd Clark from 38, F. H. Russell of 27 and Bro. Sharp from 41. They all came here on traveling cards and of course will have to pay our examination fee of \$25. Personally I do not believe in charging any brother one cent for examination when he is in the brotherhood one year, for I think that a card issued by any local should be recognized in any part of the world where there is a local of the I. B. E. W., free of charge, still, as long as the convention decided that locals could charge an examination fee, No. 52 must do it in order to protect its members; for if all the other locals charged \$25 and 52 charged nothing, you can see what the result would be—an overproduction of wiremen in Newark, N. J. I firmly believe that our next convention the delegates will see the benefit of making our brotherhood a thorough one in principle as well as in name.

While at the convention I heard a few brothers kicking about washing dirty linen. Now, brothers, I believe that the convention is the place to do it, for if it was cut out entirely the delegates would go home dissatisfied and think they did not get a fair show. We washed quite a lot of dirty linen in St. Louis and I firmly believe it will take two years to dirty it again. I have yet to hear from the delegate who attended the St. Louis Convention that claimed he did not get a chance to say what he wanted, and I claim that is due to the fact of letting everyone have his say, no matter who he hit.

I am sorry to inform you of the sudden death of Bro. James Durkins, a union man

to the core and one of the best mechanics that ever strung a wire. He dropped dead while in the company of two of our brothers. He leaves a widow and four children.

Local 52 elected myself and Bro. Hope delegates to the A. F. of L. Convention in Scranton to fight the attempted robbery of another trade which wants to claim our iron-pipe work. I will have something more to say about this in my next letter.

In closing I want to thank the brothers in St. Louis for the way they entertained and treated us, and I want to say, without any intention of flattering them, that I don't believe there ever was a body of delegates treated and entertained any better than the boys of St. Louis treated and entertained the delegates to the seventh biennial convention of the I. B. E. W.

We received a letter from No. 9 of Chicago informing us that they were still fighting for their rights. We donated \$25 to them and we would have made it more if we could afford it. Keep at it, No. 9; you are right, so fight, and right will win in the end.

Yours fraternally,

F. J. W. SCHULTY.

Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, O., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here comes No. 54 at a rattling rate,
To Rochester P. O. in New York state;
Leave me there and you will find,
The Brotherhood a friend of mine.

My troubles will soon be over as press secretary. The time is coming to cast our ballots for new officers and with them and our new by-laws No. 54 will prosper as in the past. On the 2nd Wednesday of this month nominations will be made and whoever our officers may be, if all brothers support them we will flourish.

I have scarcely started this letter yet am near the end of my story. I am going to see our V.-P., Chas Pierce, initiated 1st degree, in K. of P. Our initiation is severe but Charles this is—well you will find out.

Bro. Tom Schwartz, who has been on the sick list for two months with a sprained knee, is recovering. Bros. Wm. Dobbs and Chas. Morris are off the sick list.

George Beecher, wheresoever you may be, you have only one thing to do—square

yourself with No. 54 and be right with the brotherhood.

As we are having no trouble and everything rolling with ball-bearings I will close.

Success to every local in the land, especially L. U. No. 9. Stay with them, boys. No. 54 sent her little mite once and we will do it again.

Yours fraternally,

A. T. W., P. S.

Local Union No. 55.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Since my last letter the linemen with the Edison Light, Street Car and City have got a 25-cent raise, but the boys with the telephones have not been able to show their companies that it is an absolute necessity to their well-being that they be given the same. The boys with the Mutual are expecting their raise on or about the 1st of January, as per committee's report, but so far as the Bell boys are advised there has been no hopes held out to them, so it would be well for all linemen thinking of coming this way to defer same until conditions somewhat change, as there is very little prospect for extra work here this winter.

The inside men are feeling pretty good since they have been working 8 hours. One of the wiring firms has not signed up yet, but we hope to be able to show him the error of his way in the near future. They have got out a shop card which makes a very nice advertisement to display in the windows of all the fair shops.

We have been somewhat busy writing out our constitution, which has caused two adjourned meetings so far, and from the way they are handling it they do not appear to think all the brains of the I. B. E. W. were at the convention. It has been my first opportunity to see the referendum vote put into practice, and so far as my observation goes I am heartily in favor of it.

We have been having a very favorable growth this fall so far, but it might be better, especially the few who have sent in applications and failed to appear for initiation. Such men must be very short-sighted to say the least, for it does them more injury personally than good, paying out their

money and getting nothing but criticism from their enemies in return, and it subjects them to the criticism that they were not acting in good faith at the time they made out their application.

Our local is going to make an honest effort to follow the constitution for the next two years, and should we find it necessary to ask the aid or assistance of our international body we hope our claims will not be set aside on account of any local that may fail to follow the constitution.

Fraternally yours,

J. FITZGERALD,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 57.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Did it seem strange that No. 57 said hello in the November Worker? As the promise was to get there every month, we must make it good. Plenty of work at present. The contractors are asking for one or two good inside men. Be sure to bring a good card with you.

By the returns that 57 is getting from locals we feel almost assured at this time of the next convention being held in Salt Lake City, and if it is we can assure you that it will never be regretted.

The local is going to give a ball some time in January. No doubt, if the last one was anything to go by, this one will be a double success.

We have been after the 'phone inspectors, about 15 in number, to join our ranks. They will come in in time, but it is hard pulling at the present writing. One has filed his application, and I think the rest will follow. Also there are lady operatives at the 'Phone that we expect to pull in at no distant future. When we get these, with the inspectors, we will have all the electrical workers in the city.

Local 57 holds meetings every Friday night in a hall we call our own. We got tired of renting from other people and so leased a whole floor, consisting of hall and ante-rooms. Beside getting our rent free, we make enough from renting to other organizations to pay other expenses. Say, locals, try it, and see if you don't come out all O. K. Traveling brothers coming

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through this way say we have as fine a hall as they run across.

The inside men are all working at present, and prospects are good for the rest of the winter. Of course next spring we expect some change for the advancement of our calling.

Bros. McLaughlan, Dixon, Miller, Donaldson, Lodwick and Arnold have taken out traveling cards. Take care of them, as they are all right.

We have had returned a number of letters from locals that have been unclaimed at the post-office: St. Louis, Madison, Wis., Cleveland, O., Local 207, Terre Haute, Boston, Rock Island, Anderson, Ind., Local 52 and others. Please have your R. S. get his address corrected in the Worker.

Yours, SEJAYR.

Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With this issue of the journal I make my reappearance as correspondent for this local, taking the place of Bro. Harry Stucky, the "Colonel," from Kentucky, who is now filling a responsible position in Mexico.

As a preface to my letter I will say that while fully appreciating the efforts of Bros. Freeman, Broderick and others, who so kindly aided in saddling the press-secretaryship on me, while I begged, pleaded, and even bribed to avoid it, though my efforts were in vain, I harbor no ill will against them, yet firmly believe they allowed their friendship to overcome their better judgment. Poor, misguided mortals; accustomed to seeing the world through rose-colored spectacles, you little know what you have done—to put the power of the press behind me—for if you are a constant reader of my ravings I will guarantee that you will land behind the bars at the home for incurables four miles south of town.

Apologizing for the length, breadth and thickness of this preface to my letter, I will now gradually lead you on to warmer things.

We were all greatly disappointed at not seeing our president's letter in last month's Worker, and Bro. Mitchell has had quite a time in explaining its non-appearance, laying the blame on Uncle Sam,

Our international convention is now a

thing of the past, but not forgotten, for deep down in the hearts of every member of No. 60 there is a feeling beyond power of words to express, a feeling of thanks to each and every member of that convention. The money donated to us by that convention was a godsend, coming in the very nick of time; it not only enabled us to have Bro. Herring released from prison, but also enabled us to have him acquitted of the charge of cutting the Southwestern's wire, and to add to the pleasure of the occasion, Bro. Herring was presented by his wife with a young Herring on the very day of his release. Bro. Herring says the youngster's initials shall be I. B. E. W.

Now that our excitement has passed, our local has settled down to the business of improving its membership, and we are beginning to bring in new members right along. With the exception of the Light Co. there is practically nothing doing. The New Telephone Co. has laid off everybody, and I am told, tied a can to its exchange manager, Mitchell. This local would have been better pleased had a rope been tied around his neck, for he certainly was bad to us.

Since the bull-fighting season opened up in Mexico many of our members have taken them in. Last Sunday being the last fight of the season, Bro. Joe Wellage chaperoned a large party of tender-footed linemen over in Peidras Negras to see the fight. He also instructed them in the art of wearing silver-spangled sombreros and red blankets, and how to play monte. I don't know how Bro. Wellage came out, but the others came home broke. The party would have been larger, as several more of the boys drew ten dollars to go and see the fight, but in company with big Pete they had a bull-fight of their own down at the boarding house and it took all their money to repair the wounded feelings of the landlady over the injury to her furniture.

In last month's Worker there appeared a letter from Local No. 115 reflecting on one of our members, and my local ordered me to reply that Local No. 60 upholds Bro. Lee Stanley in everything he said. But to better illustrate the character of No. 115's letter I will ask, did you never, in walking in the fields, come across a large flat stone which had lain, nobody knows how long,

just where you found it, with the grass forming a little hedge, as it were, all round it close to its edges? And have you not, in obedience to a kind of feeling that told you it had been lying there long enough, insinuated your foot, your stick or your fingers, under its edge and turned it over, as a housewife turns a pancake when she says to herself, it's done brown enough by this time? What an odd revelation and what an unforeseen and unpleasant surprise to a small community, the very existence of which you had not suspected until the sudden dismay and scattering of its members produced by your turning the stone over! Blades of grass flattened down, colorless; matted together as if they had been bleached and ironed; hideous crawling creatures, some of them horny-shelled and some softer, but cunningly spread out and compressed. Nature never leaves a crack or crevice in a boarding house bedstead but she always has one of her flat pattern, live, time-keepers to slide into it. But no sooner is the stone turned and the wholesome light of day let upon this compressed and blinded community of creeping things than all of them that enjoy legs (and many of them do) rush around wildly and end in a general stampede underground, away from the region poisoned by sunshine. Next year you will find the grass tall and green where the stone lay. The stone represents ancient error, the grass is human nature borne down and bleached by it; the insects that are found beneath it are the crafty beings that thrive in darkness and the weaker organisms kept helpless by it. He who turns the stone over is whosoever put the staff of truth to the old lying incubus, no matter whether it is done seriously or not. You never need think you can turn over any old falsehood without a terrible squirming and scattering of the rest of its relatives that dwell under it. Every real thought brought to light on any subject knocks the wind out of somebody or other, and as soon as his breath comes back he always expends it in long letters and hard words. These are the best evidences a man can have that he has said something that it was time to say. But enough of this Bro. Mack; controversy equalizes fools and wise men in the same way and the fools know it. You have had the first letter on

this subject; you may now have the last. No. 60 having felt the brunt of the battle, now feels for those of her brothers who are out to better their condition, and the best Christmas present that she could wish for them would be that they would all win out in their fight. With best wishes and a Merry Christmas and Happ New Year to all, I am,

Yours fraternally,

DUCK,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 73.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

If anyone should ask you where would be the best place to hold the next convention, tell them Local 73 has respectfully suggested Salt Lake City; and unless we are very much mistaken in our reckoning Salt Lake City can and will offer the best inducements.

The trade at this point is moderately brisk, but the brothers of 73 are as busy as hornets making preparations for their ball, to be held at Elks' Temple on Thanksgiving Eve. It goes without saying that we will not hide our lights under bushel baskets, but will make an electrical display that will be surpassed by none in this section. With the unlimited supply at hand of efficient artists and willing hands, we feel confident of making the ball a grand success.

Any of the brothers traveling West should read the following and take advantage of the reward: "Lost—Beautiful young lady, about 17 years old, tall, black eyes, red hair. She had in her possession a ticket to the electrical workers' ball. Finder please return to Elks' Temple, Thanksgiving Eve, and receive suitable reward."

Fraternally yours,

GEO. B. SEOLA,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 75.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As our press secretary, Bro. Cole, has left us, I have been appointed to fill his place. This is a new business for me, but I will try and do it with all my heart. No. 75 is still on earth and is getting along fine. We are taking in a few new brothers at every meeting. We expect to give

our annual ball the 5th of December, and hope that all good brothers, with wives, sweethearts and friends, will be there.

There is not much work in G. R. at present; the Citizens' and the Bell Co. are doing a little, and have a few fixers at work, but the G. R. R. Co. have laid off all their men, which put a few good brothers on the hummer.

Bro. Jas. Maskell has returned from St. Louis and he reports he had a good time.

I will say for the benefit of a few who belong to 75, and who have not been coming to meetings of late, that unless they show up soon something is going to drop.

Trusting this will find space in the Worker, I will ring off.

Fraternally, CUSH.

P. S. Heavy Toren, please answer my last letter and oblige, B. L. C.

Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 19, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

At a regular meeting of Local No. 80, I. B. E. W., held this 19th day of November, 1901, the following preamble and resolutions were approved and ordered forwarded to our senators and representatives; also to the secretary of the navy:

Whereas, By the present method of employing labor in the navy yards mechanics and laborers are no longer discriminated against by reason of their political proclivities, thereby eliminating all favoritism, there no longer exists any good reason why the building of vessels of war should not be prosecuted as economically and expeditiously in the various navy yards of the country as the same can be done by private contractors; and

Whereas, We feel satisfied that an assignment of a portion of this work to the navy yards would enable a larger proportion of the toilers of the country to participate in the benefits of the eight-hour day without corresponding loss to the government; therefore be it

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in Congress are earnestly requested to assist in having inserted in the next naval appropriation bill authorizing the construction of warships, a provision that some of the vessels provided for in

such bill shall be constructed in the navy yards of the country.

C. W. BREEDLOVE, Com.

Local Union No. 81.

Swanton, Pa., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As you have bin selected to your office, as I reckoned you would be, you probly feel safe about your job and won't feel as though you are taking any chances by allowing a few lines from the field side to pear in your columns. Haint much duing round here to tell bout. The wether has bin so durned bad and money so hard to git it makes news bout here a trifel skarse. We put up some ledd pipe and sot a few poles, not nuf to mount to much, but just nuf to worry old John Bell.

Ide like to bin down to that reunion of linesmans in St. Louis pritty good, but as I wasent lected to go and nobody offered to pay my expenses, and Ive got a morgig to pay, I reckond theyd manage to git along some way without me. But I spect to git the hull particulars bout what happened thare and then I will be in shape to tell you whether it went on all right or not.

It pears soes thare some new local bin admitted to the union, or some new tribe of Ingins reorganized. I know Chief Not-Afraid-in-the Dark and Chief Fight-a-Bear, but Chief Hail Scout and Hail Chief I never heard tell on. Maybe that air is something that Ime not supposed to know. Guess Ile send along a clipping from the last week's Swantown Weekly Teller. You can tell bout what's doing bout here.

I am all I am, RUBE.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND.

The Doolittle Telephone Co. has nearly completed its work here. Eafum Way-back has a telephone in his farmhouse.

One of the telephone linemen was discharged last Thursday by Supt. Rube. It is rumored hat he had been drinking.

The following are registered at the Boozekill House this week; Ed. O'Day, Mgr. Indian Medicine Co., Salamanca, N. Y.; P. O. Jacobs, lately of St. Louis, Mo.; Smith Kusiman and wife, Norfrom, N. Y.; Frank Woneohome, Lake View; W. A. Jackson, of the Chicago Fire-Alarm Telegraph. Mr. Jackson is well pleased with

the Swantown fire and police-call system. Geo. Gleason, Portsmouth, O.; A. W. McIntyre, Cleveland, O. Mr. McIntyre is interested in the chicken business and may locate here. J. J. Reed, Erie, Pa. Mr. Reed is piping the Boozekill House with a hot-air heating apparatus. H. M. Kistner, Erie, Pa. Mr. Kistner is spending a few weeks here with his friend Bones Kennedy. He is taking Kennedy anti-fat remedy. J. E. Polling, Halstead street; Mack Sto'eohome, Fairview; W. H. Brown, of the Levi Fur. Co., Rochester, N. Y.; Cy. Bathneedy, Hot Springs, Ark., W. T. Malloy, Washington, D. C.

The Doolittle Telephone Co.'s men have had considerable trouble with Lip Fuller. The linemen attached a guy wire to Fuller's smoke-house and pulled it over, and this exposed all of Fuller's smoked meats, hams, etc., and caused Mr. Fuller considerable uneasiness, as he has not butchered his hogs yet.

The Telephone Co. have their office in Dan Fisher's old storeroom, and have a lead cable in the cellar. Dan tapped the cable and connected his gas stove to it, but Dan says he guesses the gas in that old pipe won't burn.

H. S. McIntyre, one of the Telephone Co.'s hired men, left last week on the steamer Ice Cream for Greenland. Bill Friedhoff has sold his milk route and gone to Clarksburg, W. Va. J. F. St. Clair, of Erie, was in town last week buying pipes and macaroni for the Midnight Cosy Club of Erie.

Mr. Joe Dooley, of Detroit, has been stopping at the Wantmore House for the past three weeks. He is selling a patent hog ringer.

Mr. Robert G. Wright, of Denton, Tex., is introducing a new German coil here with the Telephone Co. If it proves satisfactory here with the Germans he expects to go to Milwaukee from here.

Josh Woodwalker, an electric light line-man, made a large sale last week. If it proves safe he'll buy an ice-boat.

Miss Jane Crossboard closed a very successful term of school at Hubbard's cross-roads last Friday.

Local Union No. 86.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In your November issue of the Worker a letter appeared from 86 which was intended for the October issue, but I was seemingly too late for the former issue and at fault in not recalling the letter before the next. As the saying goes, "It is never too late to mend," so in order to patch this up it is up to me to write a few lines for the December Worker and explain to the brothers how our little trouble with the contractors ended. We were out just 13 days and returned to work having won everything that we went out for. The contractors signed all articles of our agreement, which gives us a wage scale of \$2.50 for eight hours work. It was a victory well worth going out to win, and in the winning of that victory we have placed Local 86 one step farther ahead. This local has been organized only a few days over two years, and in that time we have advanced from a scale of wages of \$2.00 per day for nine hours to \$2.50 for eight hours, which, in my estimation, and considering the kind of people, we have to contend with, is grand work. We thank Bro. Sherman for the assistance he gave us in bringing our late trouble to a speedy end, and I for one was highly pleased to hear he was re-elected for the ensuing term. He is the right man in the right place.

Locals 44 and 86 held their annual ball and electrical display Thanksgiving Eve, and it was a grand success, over 400 couples being in attendance, some of whom came to see the display. The electrical workers of the city of Rochester are very popular with the public. In fact, so much so that when we have our annual ball we cannot find a hall large enough to accommodate the crowd, and we have to turn people away. I am not going to stop to describe our display to you, for it is enough said when I state that in that display we had over 1200 lights of all colors and sizes.

Bro. A. Murdock of 44 was chairman, and Bro. L. Ferner of 86 treasurer, and if all union men took the interest in their locals and would work for their good and welfare in the way that they do, there would never be any cause for complaint. And now, brothers, I will close for this time.

Fraternally yours, A. P.

Local Union No. 87.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Please publish this in next Worker:

Well, Dan, hoping this will find you all right, I will answer you through the Worker. I see you are out of old 14 and in 27. Everything is all to the good around here. Jimmie Healy is running a gang for the new company and has Jack Sailor and Whitey Conklin with him. Do you ever see Hog-face Bill? The last I saw of him he was up against the bar crying and tears were falling as big as a teacup; telling how he fought up San Juan hill and how the bullets fell thick and fast around him, and now no one would look at a poor soldier. He might be anchored on a flatboat where the smoke and fire flies.

Mother Roth has given up the saloon and has a boarding house on Clinton street, but none of the walk-about seem to go up there any more. Hoping this will catch your eye.

C. E. S.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having found a little time I thought I would get in a little for 87. We are getting along nicely, adding new lights every meeting; all good lights, too, steady burners and up to C. P., and their E. M. F. meeting nights show they are all up there.

No. 87 ran a smoker which was a great success; the hall was crowded to the doors and to the bar. Refreshments ran out a little after 12 o'clock. Such a crowd! we will have to hire Kreuger's Auditorium next time we run a smoker, as we expect a thousand. We cleared nearly \$85 on the affair and all the boys enjoyed themselves.

Work around here from all accounts seems plentiful. No men with green cards are loafing. The telephone and light companies are doing lots of work this winter.

It is with sorrow I announce the death of our esteemed Bro. Henry L. Geiger, having met with a fatal accident in Orange, N. J., while working for the N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co. He fell off a pole Friday morning, from accounts that I get, although not knowing full particulars at this moment. He slipped or the pole broke and he fell to the ground, dying in the hospital soon after. He is to be buried Monday at 2

o'clock, and will leave a wife and two children in Orange.

Bro. Brand, of Local 79, Bro. Richter wants to know how about "Rasher?"

Bro. Ed Keefe, Local No. 104, Swift wants to hear from you. Something good in store for you. Write care of secretary.

Our ex-president and delegate to the convention got married. We have not seen the keg yet. Mike, set them up for the boys.

Bro. Ike is around the Oranges with the Light shinning tall chestnuts.

I would like to hear from my old friend the Hon. William Donaher, of Pittsburg, Pa. Write, Bill!

Yours fraternally,

R. S. MACK, P. S.

Local Union No. 91.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the last month in this year has come and it is my time to let you hear from 91 I will make an attempt to do the same. We are still among the flourishing crafts doing some good work at the old stand. The sport Kid Rivers showed up, bringing with him a stranger to be tagged, and also helped give him his royal bumps. Kid is a Cracker Jack at the business, and such a bumping! Well, he got it for fair. We wished him a hearty and speedy journey as he departed on an early train. We planted two poles in our district this meeting, and still they come. This district is getting in such a shape the boys can't help but come our way. Should any of the members of 91 who may read the Worker meet any strangers, sail them this way, try and get them tagged and united, as in union there is strength.

Our next visitor was Harry Parsons, who sailed from Frisco to Easton. This is the original Whistling Jack. He took the floor for a short while, expressed his opinion of 91 as being O. K., and hopes by our next bumping time to have his card deposited with us. Well, in his wind-up he gave us a sample of his whistling, and if Bro. Moser had a cage I know he would have caged him. All breaks aside, I think Jack will make a good worker in any local, no matter where he will have his card.

The Easton Power Co. and the yellow

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kid got into an altercation at Phillipsburg, N. J., last week, which put them to quite an expense. The Independent Telephone Co. ran over their line down Main street with 55 poles. When the power company found out about it they sent a few fixers over the river and started to raise sticks and line, trying to crowd them out. By this the yellow kid got ahead of same by taking a roundabout way. Bully for you, boys—more work; that's what counts.

Work is plentiful in this district as yet; hope it will remain so, as a fixer can be independent under these circumstances.

The Independent Co. leaves Easton on the 2d to put up its new exchange in Bethlehem, the Moravian town. Wish the boys a safe journey on the cars. Bro. Moses split his gang, putting Bro. Transue, or originally Lethers, in place as an assistant, and sent him out with a few of our fixers and a list of loops to shoot. Well, instead of starting at the top of the list, he started at the bottom, running first loop to a place where he knew they would get some German influence, and there loop shooting ceased; unloading schooners came in line. Talk about straw bosses—Bro. Lethers is a corker; putting the boys in such a shape they could pike any 100-ft. pole, and don't you forget it. Well, of all loop running, Bro. Lethers has the finest reputation in our district, barring none. His head got so swelled since he has made application on the police force, and you will see him on the corner practicing swinging the stub.

Gentlemen, this local is getting to be quite interesting, as the ladies can hardly stay away from our doors long enough to let us hold our meetings. At our last meeting we had two different ladies call Bro. Shafer outside, and if I mistake not there will be some hair-pulling before long. Keep the gook work up, Bro. Shafer, and you will soon buy the boys a barrel of pretzels und—

By the way, I almost forgot Bro. McCafferty, from Peanut City, 6th ward. Here is the only fire-proof lineman I ever saw. In doing some soldering on a trolley wire this wonderful man took hold the wrong end of a hot soldering iron, burning his hand wonderfully, never "Ouch"-ing, but put on a boxing glove. When asked why he did this he claimed it was to protect

himself, as the iron was charged with alternating current, and if a leather mit would protect P. J. Lee, with a boxing glove or two he could protect himself. Nix fur ungood.

Brothers, we are all together for the same cause; we are all looking for the biggest pay and the shortest day, and when we can reach to the bottom of some of our trusts' and millionaires' bank account and tell them we are the people, we rule the wage scale, we rule the length of the day's work, then we will surely be the people; and I know, if we as brothers stay together and gather in all the stray sheep, and put a bell on them so that we can't lose them, we'll have things our way.

As I said before, work is extra good; we haven't a man in this district out of employment, which is an exceedingly good prospect for 91, and I tell you the boys appreciate it. We have nominated our officers and they all have opposition. You can tell some by the way the boys are electioneering already. Some have opened halves, quarters, and some as much as lbs. of nails. The way I come to know this, I myself caught some of the members chewing some. Well, be it as it may, hope some day we will all meet in a body.

Well, what a bunch. This night-lamp of mine is nigh empty, so I must shake it a little to give you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours cheerfully,

T. A. MARTIN.

Local Union No. 92.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, brothers, how are you all? It has been some time since 92 has been cut in on the main line, and as we elect new officers the first of the new year I thought I would make one more break before I lost my job.

Business is pretty good in this section, but would not advise any wandering brother to come here expecting a good job, as the supply is equal to the demand. The N. Y. & Pa. T. & T. Co. is changing its magnetos to battery call, and their auto-village systems to the Manual. The Opposition is still in the ring, and from present appear-

ances has come to stay. It is a fight to the finish.

Bro. Blair has taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations, Bro. Blair. Bros. Simons and Ploss are on the sick list, but guess they will come out of it in a few days. New applications are coming in to take the places of the brothers who have deposited their cards in other locals. The W. U. Tel. Co. has had a gang of men in this section for a few days. I tried to flag several of them, but they could not see the high sign. Guess this is all the news, so will ring off. Wishing the best of success to all brothers who are out, and wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. A. SMITH.

Local Union No. 96.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I see that 96 did not have anything in the November Worker, so I will write a few lines. We had quite a good attendance at our meeting last Monday night, as the Paige Electric Co.'s men have got back from Niagara Falls; also Plummer, Ham & Richardson's men have about all got back from Hopedale and Northbridge, but we did not see many of the men from Niagara Falls.

We had our nominations for officers, and from two to six were nominated for every office, and I hope that good judgment will prevail at the election and that we may elect officers that will be a credit to this local. We have had only one president in the two years of this local's existence, and I for one hope there will be a change, and believe there will be, but some members seem to think the local is in duty bound to nominate the present president for another term.

We are losing some of our best members. Bro. Robert Dickson has gone to Boston, and will enter 103. Bro. Newell has deposited his card with the Niagara Falls local. Bro. Crowley has dropped his with No. 7, Springfield.

Business is fairly good here, but not rushing. Ex-Bro. W. L. Brenne has taken the contract to rebuild the lines for the town of Wellesley, Mass., and will use a

few of the brothers there for a month or two.

The National B. T. L. meets in convention here the 13th of January. I believe the steam and gas fitters will make a fight for the conduit work, and I hope there will be delegates enough from the electrical workers to prevent them getting it. I think Bro. Hall will have something to say on the subject.

Bro. Jansen is to start for Rumford Falls, Me., next Monday, to wire a new hotel.

Ex-Bro. W. L. Brenne, 543 Main street, would like to hear from Fred Ketchum, who left Worcester over two years ago and was last heard from in Philadelphia about 18 months ago, headed west; about five ft. eight in. tall, weight 140 lbs., light complected; not a member of the I. B. E. W., but worked at inside wiring part of the time. Any brother knowing his whereabouts please communicate with Local 96.

We expect to elect a P. S. soon and then No. 96 will be heard from every month. Brothers who are a little in arrears should not be afraid to come up Monday night, for we have a free oyster stew and plenty of good union tobacco every night after the meeting.

Good night for this time.

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Local Union No. 99.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

By the opening of our charter we have added a large number of members to our list and hope to draw in a few more in the near future. It is surprising to see how slow and careless some of the members of our craft are in not taking advantage of these openings, but I think after the grand labor rally held in this city on Nov. 22 some of those fellows will open their eyes to that duty which they owe themselves. This grand demonstration was inaugurated by the R. I. C. T. U. of this city, and with about three thousand of the sons of toil in line they made a fine appearance. Local 99 turned out about one hundred and fifty, and they were highly complimented by the press of this city on their neat appearance and fine marching. The two tallest men in our local carried the Statue of Liberty ablaze with all kinds of tallow candle power, which was the feature of the parade.

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After marching through the principal streets we reached Infantry Hall, where we listened to such speakers as Messrs. James O'Connell of the machinists' union; A. J. Collier, Typographical Union No. 6, New York; P. J. O'Toole, team drivers' union, Boston; W. Spencer, general organizer plumbers' union; W. J. Joice, president I. B. E. W., Boston, and J. J. Brophy, eastern organizer steam fitters' union. These gentlemen certainly did inject unionism into that audience. Mr. O'Connell, who is somewhat of a humorist, kept all hands laughing throughout most of his speech, and A. J. Collier placed the New York Sun away back behind the clouds.

Here's good luck to Bro. W. P. Cleary, hoping you are on your job and getting good money. I see by your letter that you have been trespassing within the twenty-five-mile limit with nothing to protect yourself but a traveling card and a paid-up card at that. Now let me give you a tip—if you ever again find yourself within twenty-five miles in any direction from Tammany Hall gently open your coat and withdraw your card with care. If it flashes up blue, which is a very bad color in some towns, carry it tenderly to the dye house run by Lewando and ask him if it is a hoo-doo. The proprietor will be sure to say yes; then ask him if he will be kind enough to slaughter your card at once, for you will have no more use for it while you remain on that sacred reservation. But cheer up, Bro. William, for your laugh may come yet, as we are now living in an age of trusts and combinations. Who knows but some fine morning J. P. Morgan may get control of that trust local and trip all the wire kings within twenty-five miles of him?

Brothers, have you noticed for some time back that the negro question is stealing into ranks of organized labor? I think at some future day it will cause a great amount of trouble. It may not bother the I. B. E. W. in the North, but it certainly will in the South. This is a question of vital importance to all branches of labor. The opinions of able men differ greatly on the race question. Some tell us they can have separate locals and everything will run along smoothly, but let us speak of some city that may not have negroes

enough to start a local or do not care to if they have. We must then admit those in the local organized for the white man, and here is the starting point of your trouble. We in the North may get along all right as a labor party, but that will be impossible in the South. Now let us view this question from a social standpoint: If Mr. Johnson pays his dues he may enjoy all the rights of the constitution in the same way that you or I do; he also has the right to lead the grand march with our wife or sister at our annual ball, and if she snubs him or refuses to dance with him he is apt to turn pale, and if he has his razor along he may start in to settle the race question, to suit himself, or he may use it in some way to let folks see that he cuts ice.

Since the movement to deprive the ignorant negro voter of any share in the government of the Southern States, I have read a number of articles prepared by distinguished men defending the cause of the negro in the exercise of the privileges now enjoyed by him at the ballot-box. I am not disposed to criticize the writers for their views of the question, for perhaps they do not understand the conditions existing in the South, and draw their conclusions from the experience they have had with the negro of the North, most of whom have acquired some education. We in the North do not come directly in contact with the negro, but in the South it is altogether different. They are more numerous there, and the white man in most cases seems to be opposed to them. The people of Massachusetts will, as a rule, stand for the negro and shout for him, and if a negro is appointed postmaster in a Southern town he is taking an office that some white man thinks he ought to have, and Judge Lynch gets a job right away. After the lynching of the postmaster one of the fair daughters of Massachusetts goes to Georgia and gathers together his unfortunate family and brings them up North. Now this is a very kind act, to be sure, but let a negro run for an office, as was the case in Boston a few years ago, where the voters looked upon it as a joke, some of them thinking it impossible to elect a negro in that city, so they must have stayed at home on that day. The result was that a colored man was elected, and then a rank howl went up

from those kind-hearted people; so you see a negro is just as bad in the North as he is in the South if he gets in a white man's way. I make those statements simply to show how fickle-minded the white race is when it comes to the race problem. I, as an individual, have no prejudice against the negro. I think it would be better for organized labor to admit them to our locals, for every negro counts one, but my voice does not count for much against the thousands who are opposed to them. I do not think it is justice to look down on the whole race for the actions of a few criminals in the South.

Now let us turn back to the days of negro supremacy in South Carolina. From 1868 until 1876 we find that the government of that State was turned over to the negroes and their carpet-bag allies. Reference has been made to the scenes in the halls of legislation and to the villainy of her legislators. It was proven during those years that the negro was not fit to govern that State. History tells us that during the reign of the negro a railway company was chartered in that State to lay eighty miles of track, for which the State was to pay the company \$10,000 upon the completion of each section of ten miles. When the first section of ten miles was completed the company drew \$10,000, took up the tracks just laid and relaid them over the next ten miles, when the second bonus was collected. This system was carried out to the end, so that when the road was completed and accepted by the State it was just ten miles long and cost the taxpayers just \$300,000. Every white convict in prison could secure his freedom by paying a bribe. The worst negro criminals were released so as to secure votes, and the juries were often composed of men who had committed more crimes than the person under trial. One of the justices of the Supreme Court was a negro and another a carpet-bagger. The amount stolen from the State by this ring of robbers passes all belief. This may seem like idle talk to some of you, but it is a matter of history. Those are only a few of the crimes committed by the negro while in power in the South, and those are the causes which compel the white man to fear negro domination.

The A. F. of L. receives negroes with open arms, but I think if it was to be voted on in the I. B. E. W. most of the locals south of the Mason and Dixon line would be opposed to them. It would be well, brothers, to bear this in mind should you ever be called upon to cast a ballot on this question. Do not look upon the condition in your own State, but vote so as to benefit the brothers in every State. As the race question is altogether too deep for me, and as I am getting black in the face, I think I will be obliged to pull the plugs on the poor negro.

Bro. Denver, I think your pen must be frozen; Bros. Lewin and McDonald have been waiting a long time to hear from you. Speak up, Bro. Denver.

The inside men of Local 99 have taken a step forward for the bettering of their condition—they have drawn up an agreement to present to the contractors which, in my opinion, is very fair, and I think, if accepted, will prove a benefit to both parties. Let us hope it will be a success.

The Prov. Tel. Co. is about to build a new line between this city and Woonsocket, a distance of about sixteen miles, which I think will keep most of the men very busy as they glide along the pike at Limerock. At this particular place the digging will be all sand, but every grain is as large as a wash-tub.

As I am all in, I think I will draw to a close.

Yours fraternally,
D. J. SPELLMAN,
Press Sec.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 8, 1901.
Editor Electrical Worker:

Although we have a press secretary who is a thorough worker in every sense of the word, it seems to some of the members that he does not touch on some subjects which might well be discussed.

In reading over the last Worker I was impressed with the idea that the news we receive through its columns is not all it should be. The tone of most of the letters is far from elevating and they do not teach the lesson of trade unionism as they should. There seems to run through every article the one idea that the Worker is a sort of medium for mutual admiration, or that its

columns provide a chance to heap abuse on an adversary. A trades union journal should be the medium by which new members might be gained for our order, and the older ones instructed in the tenets of labor unionism.

It seems to me that if I was outside the fold and a member placed a copy of the Worker in my hands I would not be drawn into the movement by perusing its columns. When do we ever see an article dealing with the grand principles of organized labor, explaining its objects or calling attention to its progress?

The I. B. E. W. should stand in the front rank of the labor movement, its members are on an average far more intelligent than the rank and file of trades unionists—they earn full as good wages as any building trade and should be much better organized.

The standard of the journal of such an organization should be of the highest order, it should not devote so much space to villifying the “bosses” and heaping abuse on those outside our fold. A non-union man may often be brought to see the benefits of organized labor if the matter is put to him in the proper light, but calling hard names will never bring him in. The slang which fills most of the letters of the Worker should be eliminated. It may do well enough on a pole or in the workshop but it has no place in a paper whose object is for the upbuilding of the labor cause.

The bulk of each letter should contain the labor news of the vicinity, the success which organized labor is meeting with in that locality, ways and means by which the movement has been advanced, new ideas for the increasing of our membership, and relations existing between your own union and those of other trades in your locality. Personals and the like should be pared down to the lowest possible limit.

Another thing that is lost sight of by most of our P. Ss. is that any other labor organization exists but the I. B. E. W. When do we ever see an article in the Worker in regard to that grand organization, the A. F. of L., the bulwark of organized labor? When do we see any reference to the Central Labor Union with which each local is supposed to affiliate? Are not these matters of more importance

than personal praise of some member or personal villification of some adversary?

L. U. 99 is loyal to the I. B. E. W. in every sense of the word, but she is also loyal to the C. L. U. of this State and her delegates are among the most prominent of any in that organization, and any matter introduced by a delegate from 99 is sure to receive respectful consideration by the C. L. U. The reason for this is the fact that No. 99 recognized the fact that other trades unions exist, that they are entitled to consideration, that No. 99 is a unit in supporting the union label of every craft, and although we have been affiliated with the C. L. U. but about six months we have a member on the organization committee of that body, one of our delegates is president of the building trades section of the C. L. U., and it was owing to the stand taken by No. 99 that B. T. S. of the C. L. U. was organized instead of a Building Trades Council affiliated with the N. B. T. C., No. 99 refusing to affiliate if the latter organization was formed.

One more word to the press secretaries, discuss live subjects, give us the general labor news of your locality, eliminate personal abuse and cut down the supply of personal praise and try to elevate the tone of the Worker, that it may become a power in the advancement of the cause of organized labor.

Yours respectfully,
S. E. SANBORN,
Vice-Pres.

Local Union No. 100.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Greetings and congratulations to the Brotherhood and our new officers. The convention certainly did its duty in the exoneration of our ex-grand treasurer. I congratulate you. We have always been your firm defenders. Honest and true, tried and not found wanting. Paul, we are proud of you.

As to our home affairs, we have tried to get the contractors to agree to certain conditions, but they won't even meet with a committee from the local. We only asked for \$3.00 per day, and \$2.25 and \$1.75 for helpers. We have made another proposition, I fear to meet with the same success, and will let you know how we make out.

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A word to all of our brothers, be careful in accepting jobs here. Get your salary fixed before coming, for they may promise this and that. Some of the So. Bell boys have come to do some cable work, Mines, foreman, with Bill O'Holleran of 84, Buck Irwin of Columbia, B. Allan of Colo. They say they had a good time in Pensacola. Have just heard that J. A. Owens, known as Captain with the floaters, has severed his connection with the So. Bell after a service of some twenty years. He is known to all the snow-diggers who float this way. Jim will be here awhile, and may perhaps go to work for the city plant. All of the Bell boys here from Pensacola have arrived and they say 110 is O. K. Keep your eye on Jacksonville, Fla., and if you receive any flattering offers from here in the shape of ads. in your daily papers, be sure and write two copies of your letters, one to the advertiser and the other to some of our officers. Be sure to have a paid-up card, and I might suggest, a return ticket, but will say that there are always plenty of empties for those who boycott the Pullman's. Now, boys, let us stand firm together; be men, and if some of us are offered good money to shut our eyes or split our tongues so that we can talk both sides, spurn their offers, for they are only trying to use you to do their dirty work, and when they are through with you they will despise you. Again I say, stand together, be men, ask for decent wages and keep asking until it becomes a horrible nightmare to them. Say nothing or do nothing you would be ashamed of; ask for equal rights, treat them fairly, give them an honest day's work, and if, in the end, all your efforts avail nothing, here's a little consolation, perhaps we can see them smoke, because we will, of course, be where smoking is allowed. Watch your papers. Have a paid-up card, and you will be welcome. If not, why, we will turn you over to the police.

Yours again,
E. J. MCD.

Local Union No. 105.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I hope you will find space in the journal for these few lines. I have no doubt by

this time you have heard that we were locked out by the Cataract Power Co. of Hamilton. We sent for Bro. Hurd, who responded quickly and was on the scene in short order, and did all in his power to adjust the difficulty, but as yet we are still out. Please notify all locals of our trouble here. We have a few scabs trying to fill the places of our striking brothers. Two by the name of Taylor, father and son, better known as Nigger Taylor. They were in the employ of the St. Ry., which belongs to the same company, as troublemen.

Bro. Chas. Book is in town again and deposited his card in No. 105. He is from Local No. 166 of Winnipeg, and is one of No. 105's old members.

I must pull the switch as it is getting late. Wishing success to all locals in difficulty, and the brotherhood in general, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
J. R. MITCHELL,
P. S. pro tem.

Local Union No. 110.

Thomasville, Ga., Nov. 11, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

A wandering brother of Local 110, Pensacola, Fla., requests, as this is his only means of reaching all brother friends, that this be inserted next to 110's letter. All in our gang are union men, most of whom are in arrears, though I am doing my best to get them to straighten up their dues. Bazemore has joined the birds back in the warmer climate of Tampa, to see his fair Cuban lady. Thomas Baker is still here, on top as usual, and where I hope to see him stay, with Uncle Rastus Dyesard, as thoroughbred a union foreman as ever looked up a pole. I am getting as fat as a pig, and now tip the scales at 185 lbs., 10 lbs. gained since leaving Pensacola.

Thanking the editor in advance for publishing this letter, I will close by saying, will leave here in about three weeks for, I don't know where. Bye-bye.

HANDSOME BOB,
or Shorty Meeks.

Local Union No. 113.

Colorado Springs, Col., Nov. 13, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, Central! Give me the editor of the Electrical Worker.

Hello! Is this you, Mr. Editor? Well,

I thought I would call you up and let you know that 113 is still connected. The boys are all working just at present. We are having a little trouble with the Electric Supply Co. They refused to live up to our laws, so we put them on the bum; but I think they are trying pretty hard to fix things up with the local. Walt Wall is still in town doing scab work.

Hello, Jim Brown and George Nichols; it's a wonder you wouldn't write and let some one know how you are getting along.

John White, a lineman working in Pueblo, was killed last night. He was up in a hot lead and got tangled up. He was alive when they got him down, but died a short time afterwards.

If Dugger, from Waco, Tex., is still kicking, I would like to know how he is getting along.

At present there are 22 linemen here and they are all working, but I don't know how long it will last. Our treasury is getting low, so the boys raised the dues to \$1 per month. A gainer can't go to work now in Colorado Springs without a card, so, brothers, if you head this way, don't forget.

Mr. Editor, they will be charging me overtime if we don't ring off, so good-bye for this time.

Fraternally yours,

"HICKEY" SMITH, P. S.

Local Union No. 114.

Toronto, Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the press secretary of Local 114 is feeling indisposed he has deputed to me this laborious task. I think every local should have something in if they can only chronicle their existence and a desire to do business. Keep the order informed on the habits of the goat, that our members carry application blanks in their pockets and are ever ready to enlighten any unfortunate who has never seen the error of his ways and joined hands with the organization that today is doing more for the electrical workers than any other trade organization in existence, both morally and financially.

As an executive officer I was called to Toronto Dec. 5th to try and settle a difficulty that had arisen between the Cataract Power Co. and its linemen. The manager was interviewed and met the men at the

Labor hall. He acknowledged that he personally had no objection to the I. B. E. W., professed ignorance of the organization's strength and claimed never to have heard tell of it before. (He just came from Boston.) In the meantime an agreement was drawn up and presented to the company which he accepted to put before the board of directors and return an answer to the men Dec. 9th.

Work in Toronto as far as inside wiremen are concerned is plentiful; everybody is looking for men. Bro. Monjeau, the hustling president of Local 114, is busy with the Bennett & Wright Co.; Bro. McKrae has the contract for a church in Midland. Bro. Shepard, who is our delegate to the trade and labor council and said to be second to none, has gone to Orillia on a government job, the asylum. Bro. Robinson has just returned from wiring a large hotel in Muskoka. Other members are scattered around the country and not a brotherhood man idle.

We expect in the near future to have an independent telephone company located in Canada, with headquarters at Toronto. That will be a boon for all linemen who carry cards. None others need apply. Alderman Urquart, chairman of the telephone commission of the city council, the champion and friend of all organized labor here, has given his word that when the time arrives for the issuing of the charter that it shall contain a labor clause that nine hours shall constitute a day's work and union wages shall prevail; which shall be the means of lifting up the linemen of this country on an equal level with their American brothers.

The nomination of officers of Local 114 takes place next Wednesday night, and from the interest taken by all members there will undoubtedly be a large number of nominees for each office, and a friendly contest may be looked for.

Mr. Editor we would be pleased to congratulate you upon the appearance of last month's journal and the interesting reading it contained.

Fraternally yours, H. J. HURD.

Local Union No. 117.

Elgin, Ill., Nov. 25, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This local has not elected a P. S. yet,

but I like to see every local represented in the Worker, for some brothers are changing all the time. We have quite a number of brothers here from No. 9, of whom the local probably would like to hear occasionally, and I don't see why we can't have a P. S. to keep them informed. I suggest that Bro. Matt Allison would make a good scribe, or there are several others.

Of the boys of the Chicago Tel. Co. who are here, so far as I know, all are working for the Northwestern Tel. Co., and maybe you don't think the scabs get a roasting. They are hooted through the streets as scabs, and some of them were recently forced to promise to quit. The Northwestern Co. is doing lots of work around here, and any of the brothers with paid-up cards might stand a show if passing this way.

No. 117 had a good attendance last meeting night, 17 or 18, which is very fair for this burg.

I am glad to hear of W. A. Jackson's election as president, and wish him luck and success in his new role. He is worthy of the office.

Hoping No. 117 will have a P. S. before long and wishing all brothers success, I am
A BROTHER WORKER.

Local Union No. 118.

Dayton, O., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I thought I would write a little this time to let you know we are still among the living. We have still a little work and no brothers idle that I know of.

Some of the boys went hunting on Thanksgiving and had a good time.

We are taking in some new members and hope the brothers will come to the meetings more regularly.

This is all for this time, so good bye.

Yours truly,

C. Y. SOHNER.

Local Union No. 120.

London, Ont., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has come for another letter to the Worker. We have moved to another trysting place since our brothers last heard from us and we are now located on Clearance street near Dunda, east side, in a very nice little hall and we don't have to climb three flights of stairs to get there.

We are all satisfied and our first meeting was a warm one, the radiations of heat coming especially from Tom Robinson and your humble servant. I noticed our president squirming in his chair and bewailing his fate—he wanted to have a say in the matter and he had to sit still and keep quiet.

As far as work is concerned things are much the same here; in fact, it fluctuates very little year in and year out.

Hello, 108, Tampa, Fla.! I see you have W. M. Miller with you. Treat him right for he is O. K. with the brothers here.

Our last meeting in the old hall was a special one on account of the Chicago strike and, as we couldn't find the janitor nor the key, we held our meeting in a room adjoining. The boys did the square thing anyway and we adjourned.

I think I will close now.

Good night,

A. W. ANDERSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 128.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having fallen heir to the position of P. S. of Local 128, kindly allow me enough space in the Worker to inform the brotherhood of what we are doing in this part of the Middle West.

No. 128 is keeping pace with union conditions locally. Our entire membership is working and inside men are in demand. The Kinloch Telephone Co. has just finished installing an exchange here. The work is under the supervision of Price Evans, assisted by Charles Short and Robert Foster. The Exchange is up-to-date in every detail, and the company is giving Alton a service that she has never enjoyed before. Bro. Short is now at Edwardsville with part of the gang, as this company is building an exchange there; also Bro. Foster is still with us running the drop gang. The Kinloch has always granted the boys all they asked for, consequently there has been no friction on the job from start to finish.

Comments upon the Bell are unnecessary, as you are all familiar with her methods, which are the same everywhere. However, we have trained our guns on the

old lady, and served notice on her that she must cease her war on our fixers in this locality and grant a few other concessions so much desired by union men, or we would surely mix it with her. I think we have got her where she must either play ball or drop the bat. The old girl evidently realizes that fact, as I notice she has commenced to cultivate a habit of paying wages and observing hours that is some inducement to union men. It is our intention to encourage the old sister all we can, and hope to announce before long that we have made a Christian of her.

I see by the last Worker that the Texas strike has been called off. I think that was a move in the right direction, and whereas we did not get what we asked for, it is evident that we secured concessions that were worth fighting for. Now that the scrap is over I would suggest that we do not wash our dirty linen through the columns of the Worker, as you only put a gun in the enemy's hands to shoot us with. I suppose you are aware of the fact that all the managers read the Worker. Those who can't borrow or beg it steal it. They do this to keep cases on us. Therefore follow the instructions in your constitution and you can easily correct any evil that exists in your local.

To all the boys in 156, I send my best regards, and should this come under the observation of F. A. Doulard or Bob Bryant, remember I haven't forgotten the good old days we had in the Lone Star state. George Henderson, Dan Simmons and Jack Almstead, shake. Old Coif, I salute you. To all the locals in this state, our proposition is now before you; I hope we have your consent.

As it is getting late, I will shut her down. More anon.

Respectfully yours,

THE CHRISTIAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 131.

Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected press secretary of our local here, I will try and keep in touch with the outside world.

We are doing nicely, called a special meeting Nov. 19 and initiated five new

members and expect more applications next meeting.

Bro. Bert Knight, who has been up here since May with a construction gang for the Citizens' Tel. Co., moved out last week.

Bro. Alvord, formerly with the Mich. Tel. Co. here, is now trouble-shooter on the M. & N. E. R. R.

There is a crew expected here for the Mich. Tel. Co. this week to do a little repairing and put up some cable. Big Matt Larren is in charge of the gang.

I have about run out of air, so will close.

Fraternally yours,

H. E. MAILLAT, P. S.

Chicago Heights, Dec. 2, 1901.

Well, Mr. Editor and brothers of 131 of Traverse City, Mich., I suppose you will think your P. S. has dropped out of the world, but if you boys hustle as much as the old man you are doing well, as I hope you are. Well, I went as far as Detroit, heard there was a strike on at Louisville, and came this way.

Now, brothers, I want to say a few words to No. 9—they are putting up a good fight and have the sympathy of all other locals. I think there is a fair chance for them to win. I have been and seen about all the men the Phone have got. They have one or two section men and four or five grunts. Now, brothers, keep away from Chicago and surrounding towns where the Chicago Telephone Co. have offices and the boys will do the rest.

I hope No. 131 is taking in new members every meeting night. Hello, J. Long, I have not heard from you, but received the letter you forwarded. I hope you are well with the rest of the bunch.

I see a great deal in the papers about politics. The brothers should tend more to their unions, and when caucuses are held see that good union men are nominated, no matter on which side they are as long as the union can have his vote when labor is concerned. That is what the laboring class wants at present.

Hello, No. 20! glad to see you was in line in the hall, and to hear of your donation to No. 9; glad to see you always ready to help when help is needed.

I must ring off, so good-night.

THOMAS IRONS.

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Local Union No. 133.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The story, as told to us in our school books, of Peter the Great, of Russia, going to a foreign country incog. to learn the art of shipbuilding, is grand—until hit by the terrible facts of history, found in MacCauley's. When you pause to compare the beings who accept benefits derived from the efforts of their fellow-workmen and then stand to one side, refusing to support by the payment of monthly dues for the same, history's romance is no more. We have men (so called) in this city who have had steady employment, grabbing all overtime possible, never attending a meeting, finally forgetting their vow. In what class can we place them?

At one time last May every demand of 133 would have been granted by certain contractors. We well remember how the voices of some of the (then) members were raised to protest against one portion of the contractors being allowed to do business unless all were. Thirty days after, listen to the excuse, "I don't think the boys used me right. I was offered a job in the store and they would not let me take it." Would that I dare quote to them one part of that vow which was taken by these welchers. Curses multiply and jobs appear which carry with them the union clause. And this is not in name only, but covering all points. Result, a certain number take the lowest rate, \$2.25 for 8 hours, and are satisfied, or must be from the way they keep away from meetings. We don't give a rap in one respect, except one hates to have the fact thrown up of having "dead ones" in an organization. True, they have so far avoided the examination, but only for a brief period.

There are still good things to say. We have instituted a course of lectures which we are sure are more than "pulling" for the dead wood. Messrs. McCarthy, Hatch, Bannalack, Field and enough more to go through the course are on the list. We noticed a number of the has-beens last meeting making excuses. They don't go with Jerry. This letter is not intended to hit any heads unless in the way. I would go to h— rather than stay in Detroit if 133 did not have a business agent.

J. H. CAMPBELL.

Local Union No. 137.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is time we were heard from again to let the boys know that we are all alive and hustling to beat the band. We have cut in four new lamps and have two more to cut in next week. We have a new way of cutting them in, which does away with all the goats in the I. B. E. W., but have not got it in perfect order yet. I hope we will have it in a short time so we can have a picture of it, in the next month's Worker. We guarantee all new lights cut in with it will burn bright and they will say it is a howling success.

Would some brother let this local know how to make brothers deposit their cards in the nearest local to them. We have a couple here that have been working since last July, and have not dropped their cards here yet. Would some one kindly let us know what to do, as we have done all we can to get them and can't.

I am very sorry to inform the brothers of the very sad loss to Bro. Edward Hilton, of No. 15, of his wife, on the 25th of last month. He has the sympathy of all the members of this local.

Work around here is picking up in good shape. Another company has started to work in Troy since my last letter to the Worker, to be like the Home in Albany. Any of the boys coming this way will find your humble servant somewhere on the line standing up the little sticks, with a sharp eye watching all hikers for their cards as they come over the pike. If they are all right he will try and find a place for them. The general foreman, Mr. Yingst, don't carry a card, but he is all to the good just the same. Maybe some of the boys know him; he comes from Williamsport, Pa.

Bro. Walter Dority would like to hear from Bros. Louis Remes and J. Jeorden. His address is Lynd House, Congress st., Troy.

Here is a lineman's song that was composed by the bunch:

THE HIKER'S LAMENT.

(Air, "Sailing, Sailing.")

The lineman's life is strange to see;
Up in the air he looks so free.

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There he stands on top of a pole;
Should he fall, God help his soul.
But watch him on pay night when he goes
out,
Hear him when he starts to shout
About the pole lines he has built and cross-
arms he put on;
He'd make you think he was the only
hiker born.

Chorus—

Hike up, pike up, come down and go up
the next,
And if he don't keep on the jump the rush-
er will get vexed.
Rush on, push on, as down the pike we go;
The lineman's life is joy and strife
Through heat, and snow and blow.

The likeman's life, as you know well,
May look all right, but to you I'll tell:
He goes to work in the morn all right,
But who can tell where he'll be at night?
So let's stand fast like brothers as we go—
If one is down, give him another show.
Here's to the hikers: God bless them one
and all;
Always lend a helping hand and never see
him fall. BUNCH, H. S.

Local Union No. 147.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 147 has informed me that I am to write a letter for the Worker this month. While not a good writer or composer, will do the best I can.

Business is slack here, though at present they are wiring the streets for a merchants' carnival, which is giving a little work for a couple of weeks. In Muncie work is good, with good prospects for the winter.

We have moved from our former hall to Trades Council Hall, cor. 10th and Meridian streets, 3d floor, in Decker block, and meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

We have been having very small meetings, which are improving since we changed halls. I think it would be better if all members in the city would come to the meetings every two weeks instead of going to Miller's or some other place of amusement. We few who do go have a little amusement and add new light to our circuit most every night.

Since there has been a letter in the Worker we have elected new officers,

which are as follows: Pres., Mark Forkner; vice-pres., A. T. Miller; treas., Chas. Brown; financial sec., J. E. Clone; rec. sec., C. P. Finch; foreman, John Raper; inspector, W. D. Tucker; press sec., Henry Parker; trustees, F. Green and A. W. Malone.

Ed. Talbot of 176, Frank Edleman of 167, Dady Boyd of 142, and Tom Peck of 176, are in Muncie, Ind., working for the Bell Co.

Will John Orr of No. 39 write the undersigned at 719 Powers street, Muncie, Ind.?

I guess I have given all the news I can think of this time and will ring off for thirty days.

Yours fraternally,
C. L. SNEDEKER.

Local Union No. 150.

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here we are again, though nothing of much importance has taken place lately. Most of the brothers are working. We have one sick brother, whom we are helping through. A brother from Local No. 17 visited us and spoke very highly of No. 150.

The Mich. Bell Telephone Co. has got moved into its new office, which is a fine one. I would like to see all the telephone girls in the local, so that they would have some protection themselves, for a telephone operator's life is very hard.

We have a man in the city who is foreman of the repair shops for St. Rwy. Co., who is death on union help and is using the boys very meanly. He says he won't hire a union man, but we are in hopes we can persuade the boys to join the union and show him where he is at, as it is for their own interest to do so. I think we will get them in time.

I for one would like to hear from the other locals in regard to classifying the brothers, giving them cards according to their ability, and having a scale of wages to correspond with the class of card a man carries. I think it would be better for both parties concerned. Let us have the opinion of some of the other locals on that subject.

The Valley Tel. Co. is moving along slowly, just enough to keep its men busy.

Hoping all brothers will do their utmost in this grand work, I remain,

Yours truly, F. HAND.

Local Union No. 157.

Elkhart, Ind., Nov. 30, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Allow me to apologize for not writing before, as I know all the boys like to hear how things are in the central part of the U. S. At present there is very little work, but the prospects are very bright for next spring.

I wish to put all local unions on their guard for a lineman by the name of Geo. Anderson, a Swede by birth; has light mustache, dark hair, inclined to be a little curly, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs about 150 lbs. and talks with a broken accent. He came to our city and asked for work and, on being told it was a union town, put in an application for membership and said he would pay the fees pay-day. But when pay-day came he skipped the city, and skipped board bills, saloon bills and all kinds of bills, and also took some little tools. That is a bluff he works to get a job. I have learned that he said he worked the same racket at other places.

This is all for this time, so I will close, promising to do better in the future.

H. A. ROW,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 160.

Waukesha, Wis., Nov. 22, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time letters were being sent in for the December Worker I will write a few lines to let the boys know how things are up here in Wis. There is not very much line work here just now as the Bell Co. is on the bum here as everywhere else, and all the other companies are quiet. I can't say what will start up before spring, as I am not working at it now, and so don't hear very much about it. There will be a little job here rebuilding the Electric Light Co.'s plant, if they get the contract for the next 15 years, which will be decided on the 2d of December.

Well, Bro. Huff, thought you were going to write me when you got out in the far West.

I would like to hear from William Birdsell and Jack Griffeth and any of the boys who have time to write. You have had enough of this and I have got to clear my fires, so will ring off. W. J. CHURCH.

Local Union No. 161.

Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 23, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having organized a local union here, it is my duty as Secretary to inform you of the progress we are making. We started with twenty members, which I think is very good for a place of this size. Since then we have increased our membership to twenty-five, we also have applications for a number more. The boys all take an interest in the work, as we firmly believe it is to be of great benefit to us, not only as a protection but also in a social and moral way.

Some of our members have moved to distant parts but will, they say, remain loyal to our local. J. O. Clarke has gone to Ohio, where he will be with the United States Tel. Co. H. J. Crowley has turned up in Baltimore, where his old-time friend Billy Day is employed by the Maryland Tel. & Tel. Co. Take good care of him, Billy. Am not able to locate the rest of them but, boys, wherever they turn up give them a hearty welcome, for they are all O. K.

Our officers are as follows:

President, C. R. Sennett.

Vice-President, J. C. Kingler.

Recording and Press Secretary, C. A. Berg.

Financial Secretary, O. P. Britt.

Treasurer, S. P. Antram.

Foreman, J. H. Owens.

Inspectors, E. Wilson, J. Alsfather.

Trustees, J. R. Barnes, A. B. Grimes, J. Riffle.

As we are just newly organized and getting in shape, there is nothing of much importance; there seems to be plenty of work at present through this section. I will ring off now, promising to plug in one next issue of the E. W. Wishing you all a merry Xmas and Happy New Year, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. A. BERG,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 165.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Last night was meeting night and I have something to say for Local 165, which bestowed the honor of P. S. on me six months

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ago, but my time has come to an end as this is my last letter to the Worker, and I am sorry to say it too, for I enjoy writing for such a good cause. I hope my successor may find as much pleasure in his duties as I have, which I think he will, for he's an up-to-date man and will be one of the finest on the job. We had nomination of officers last night and that's why I know I am fired. I have been promoted to V. P. I am working up gradually. Started as an inspector, went to P. S., then to P. S. and V. P. and now V. P. only.

We had a royal time last night, had a good attendance of our own members and a good many visitors from Local 80, Norfolk. We had to have some amusement for our visitors, and, as we had two new members to initiate we made up an initiation ceremony of our own for that special occasion, and of all the fun we ever had at this local we certainly had most last night, but expect to have a good time next meeting too, as we have two more candidates to initiate. I suppose their fate will be worse than the others'. Poor boys, I hope they may never live to tell it, except to brothers of the I. B. E. W. in good standing.

No. 9, Chicago, will please take notice that No. 165 extends their deepest sympathy to them in their strike as they well know from donations received.

We have with us in N. N. one of the So. B. T. & T. Co. construction gangs, all true-blue, I believe, and one gang of union inside wiremen, and most of both gangs attended our last meeting.

As this is my last letter for No. 165, I say good-bye to all the brothers that I have never seen nor never expect to see, and I don't suppose you will ever see or hear of me unless I get hurt or killed, but if the good Lord is willing I hope to live for many a year to come. Wishing you all a Merry Xmas, I am

Respectfully yours,

C. D. FRAYSER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 176.

Joilet, Ill., 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I see letter from press secretary of No. 40 says strike is still on in St. Joe. Keep up

the good work, boys, and although the few ex-members of No. 40 here are not there to assist you, we are interested and we are proud of the staying qualities of those brothers that remained in St. Joe and kept the good work going. We have been expecting to hear of the Charity Tel. Co. being in the hands of a receiver before this, but perhaps the great electrician and financier, Eddie Newell, has been able to draw on his father-in-law for enough to keep a few scabs working and string a few coils of fence wire. Keep things warm, boys; show the extractor of aching molars who is trying to run a telephone exchange that although we had no intention of choking when we asked for our rights, we are game enough to stand by and see him strangle himself.

Of the bunch that came here from No. 40 only Byron Gates and myself are here now, but we have been only too glad to pay our little two dollars per week to help carry on the strike now existing between locals Nos. 9, 176, 149 and 114 and the Chicago Tel. Co. We are glad to report progress here in Joilet, one of the best union towns in the U. S. The Northwestern Tel. Co. has three gangs busy putting in telephones to take the place of the Chicago Co.'s, They (the Chicago Co.) has tried the same old game here they try every place when a subscriber orders out a phone. They do not take it out, neither do they try to collect for it, hoping by doing so they can induce the subscriber to let it remain. But it don't go here. There has been several instances where he subscriber has torn the telephone from the wall and thrown it into the street. Why? Because the service is "rotten." Why is their service on the bum? Because they refuse to employ competent men and pay them living wages, and just think of the expense they are going to try to down union labor, employing a deputy sheriff at \$3 00 per day to herd a thing better known as a "scab" around, and what does he accomplish? He doesn't know a metallic telephone circuit from a rail fence. And what will become of the scabs when we win this strike? I suppose they will crawl back in their holes and wait for another chance to do dirt.

Well, Mr. Editor, at our last meeting No. 176 voted in favor of headquarters re-

maining in Rochester. Also voted on all the amendments. Held meeting from 8 o'clock P. M. until 3 A. M.

Say, Rube of Swentown, I wonder if that Harry McIntyre is the same Bro. I worked with in Lincoln, Neb. If so, and you can't hold him any longer, send him this way; he is not very big but he is an awful good union man.

Hello Joe. Paro, of Witchita; I heard you was married and had settled down (or up). Joe do you know the whereabouts of Billie Buzzan? If so, send me his address. I was glad to hear from my old friend Jimmie Burke. Take care of him, Bros. of No. 46. He is getting old but he was always on the right side and was always there when wanted ('cept when pressed with too many scoops).

Yours always for the good of the I. B. E. W.

SNOWBALL.

Local Union No. 179.

Charlestown, S. C., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

There is a city in the Southern tier by the name of Charlestown. It is going to have an exposition and it has got a local, both of which are very much in their infancy. A number of brave and dauntless linemen, realizing the possibility of their having to eat snowballs and buy some winter clothes if they remained North, came to this beautiful city with the idea of getting a pleasant living during the winter and seeing the world. Bro. Stearns and your dutiful servant were the first to arrive, and immediately started to work, Stearns in the capacity of line foreman. We were closely followed by Bros. McDougall, Marshall, McMahon, Wegar and Hughes, who came in over the Southern R. R. with the elephants, camels and mules that form part of the concession of the Beautiful Orient. Bro. Mullen arrived here about the same time that Bostock's animals got here. He says he came here in a regular day coach, but—well he is a pretty large man so we will not contradict him.

There are several little oddities about the brothers here that I would like to let the boys know about, and as I have been elected P. S. I think it is my duty to let them know about it. About the saddest case is that of Bro. McDougall. He is get-

ting along in years, is a long way from home, and his dark complexion and kinky hair bear a very close semblance to our colored brethren, and as this State works chain gangs and McDougall likes to shoot craps he is fairly sure of a steady job all winter if he doesn't throw his bones away. He started for the Exposition grounds the first morning of his arrival here, got lost and was found wandering around in a cotton field looking for a Genesee St. car, thought he was in Buffalo. We send a nurse with him now and keep him in nights. It is a hard trial looking out for him but it is a duty we owe to all our brothers until we get our home for ancient linemen established.

Bro. Marshall is especially to be congratulated on being here where it is warm. He brought a large trunk here filled, as he said, with clothes, but we haven't seen anything come out of it yet but a pair of spurs, three plugs of chewing tobacco and a large framed picture of Queen Victoria. He imagines now that Canada is across the Ashley river. Marshall is saving money, walks out in the morning and rides home in the evening with the negroes.

Bro. Wegar is lonesome down here, cannot find any German saloons and he doesn't like hominy and grits. He also brought a large supply of clothes down here, which consisted of a pair of circus pants and a watch chain. Bro. McMahon isn't saying much—spends all his spare time evenings writing to his sisters (?).

Bro. Hughes wants Local 45 to send him down a donation of pies, cakes and a sixteen-foot step ladder. He also is homesick, a long ways from Ireland for him to be.

Bro. Mullen is raising a beard and looks like a Turk. He has been dubbed Samson by the natives on account of his size and strength. The latter he never uses. Our line foreman buys as little tobacco as of old, and if he doesn't get out of that idea of people cutting in on cigars, etc., somebody is going to get personal. He is letting his hair grow long so as to take an engagement on the side on the Midway in the Esquimaux Village

In the electrical department, three-fourths of the men are union and we are getting after the rest as rapidly as possible. The exposition pays \$2.50 per day of nine

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hours, time and one-half and double time Sundays and holidays. Thirteen cards were turned in and five applications for membership were received. The names of applicants are F. Churchill, F. Cappelmann, T. D. Smith, G. L. Vaile and F. Jackson. Our meeting night is Wednesday, but we are to change it to Tuesday night so as to be able to have the hall for a meeting every week during the exposition. Pres. Kreeps is in every sense a thorough union man and we strangers here certainly appreciate the various courtesies he has extended us. A few more men of his stamp in office would serve to keep locals in evidence in this country.

We extend our best wishes to our Buffalo brothers. Will send you a longer letter next time.

E. P. CHAMBERLIN,
Press Sec'y No. 179.

Local Union No. 181.

Utica, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose it will be a little surprise party to you to get a little news from No. 181. Our P. S., Bob Bryson, has been very busy lately and could not attend to his duties, therefore I was elected P. S. pro tem. The boys are all well, and our local, for interior wiremen only, has got its skyhooks hung ready for all wiremen to catch on, which they seem to be doing very rapidly. Last meeting we closed the fraternal circuit on "Stretch" Williams, who, by the way, does look just a little stretched, and also George F. Norman, who also is of a very long nature. I think if we keep on we will have a giant local—not in numbers, but in stature, as we already have a few giants, such as our treasurer, Erastus Brown, and O. Keeler, who keeps our finances booked, and a whole lot of others I cannot mention this trip, but who will come in for their share later.

Work has been very good in old "Pent Up," as our city is commonly called, and all the boys have had plenty of work up to date, and we hope work will continue as it has in the past. I think I will have to cut it out here, not having much time left and having other business to attend to.

Hoping the boys will not criticise this, my first letter, I remain,

Yours respectfully.

H. WAMELING,
P. S. pro tem.

Local Union No. 191.

Everett, Wash., Nov. 24, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has rolled around with No. 191 doing business at the same old stand. We cut in one new light last meeting night. Our smoker was pulled off Nov. 14th and was a howling success in every particular, for which the committee deserves the credit. The program was as follows: Two scientific glove contests of four rounds; tug of war, climbing contest, gun twirling, pie and bun-eating contest, wrestling match, debating, singing, etc., with all kinds of drinks, cigars, tobacco and sandwiches. The rapid pie-eating seriously affected one of the brothers, who, however, was much relieved the next day. A tape worm 60 feet long crawled from Missouri to Washington.

Bro. Jack Reardon has returned from his visit to his home in Minneapolis. Bro. Sampson has not been attending the meetings of late. I guess business is rushing on the window-sill with him.

We wish Local No. 9 success in her trouble with the Chicago Telephone Co., and hope she may put one John I. Sabin, the telephone king, on the bum, for he is the most dangerous man the I. B. E. W. has to handle. He must be crushed sooner or later.

Just a few words about certain locals charging examination fees of from five to twenty dollars upon traveling cards. It don't cost the local receiving the card one cent, and why should a brother with an up-to-date card be compelled to buy his job before he can go to work? Does this show brotherly love? Local 191 will recognize an up-to-date card from any local of the I. B. E. W., and it wishes the same in return without fees.

Wishing success to all the brothers,

Respectfully,

W. W. McCURDY,
Press Sec. pro tem.

Local Union No. 192.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 3, 1901.

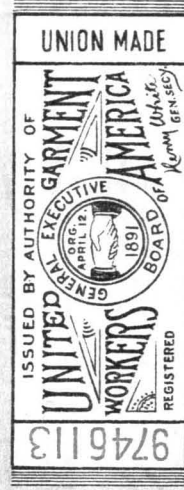
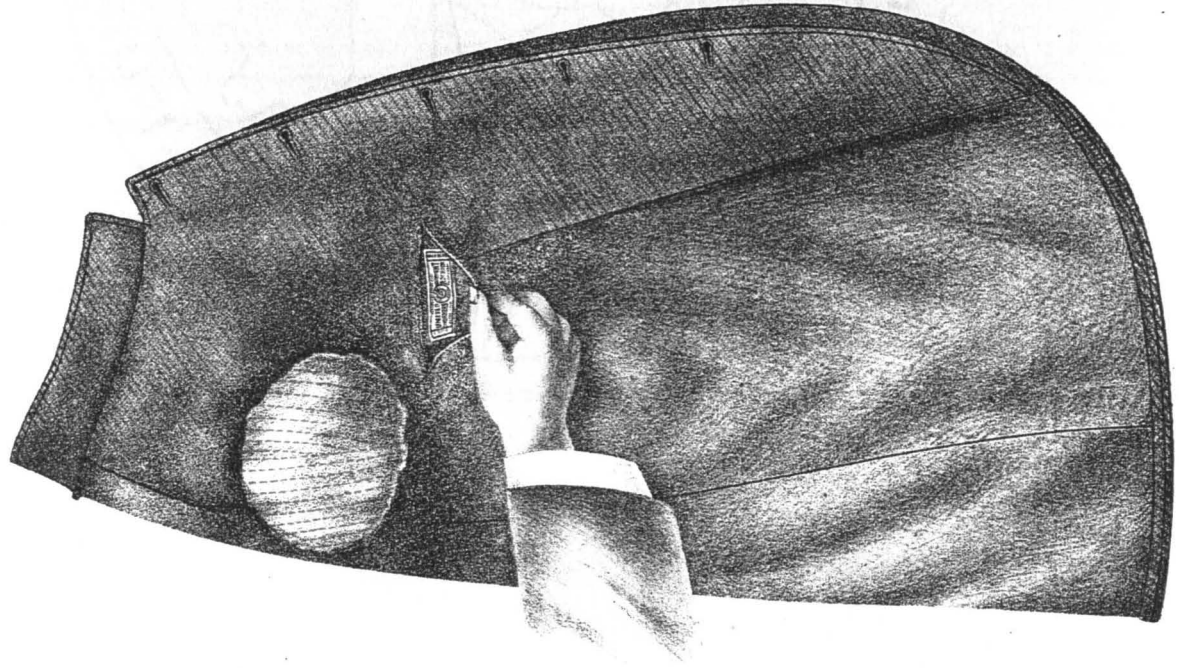
Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 192 is young in the brotherhood, but not in enthusiasm. Last summer we were working for \$2 and \$2.50 per day, but later succeeded in getting the \$2 shops

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to pay \$2.50. On November 1st, the wiremen in one shop were cut to \$2.25, when the local demanded a scale of \$3 for 8 hours. Several shops signed the scale but the Supply company threatened to go out of business rather than pay more than \$2.25, and from the class of work they are now doing with their scabs they will likely be compelled to. The day after we went out Bro. Wissinger arrived in town on an organizing trip. We wired for permission to have him stay and help out on the trouble, which was granted. He stayed a week, got everything in running order and then continued on his trip. We have now been out three weeks with good prospects of winning out all around, though we may have one or two scab shops doing what little work they can get for their electricians and bell hangers to do.

New lights are continually being added to our circuit and No. 192 hopes soon to have Memphis in a condition it should have been in at least five years ago. Our local is in prime condition and is composed of the best workers in the city, which assures success. The local has an old boathouse on the river bank that is equipped with good warm bunks, has liveried attendants and to get a fried chicken or fish breakfast one has to get out of bed by 10 o'clock A. M. Unless (floaters take note) a member arrives on an extremely late train, say about daylight. Popular rate in our hotel—one paid-up card to date.

The following ex-brothers have scabbed in the present strike: Guy Rogers, R. D. Greenlee; others, not members, Will Miles, Tom Barnes, Lavender (one eye), Jim Miles, Paul Andrews, J. Russell.

The most notorious scab is one R. D. Greenlee, who came here on the hummer, was given a job on his card, held up and advanced in position on same then threw the union flat and boasts that he proposes to continue to scab and has threatened to bring the matter before the next convention and show us something for daring to strike because we were only five months in the brotherhood. We have looked up his record and find that he went to the bad in Alton, Ill. Later in Paducah, Ky., he got away with a bicycle belonging to a Mr. Bush, beat a hotel out of about \$40 board,

secured cloth he never paid for and carried away the union's ritual and now says the union is N. G. and never did anything for him. Next went to Tunica, Miss., and borrowed tools to work with, a part only of which have been returned. His statements are so contrary that every member of No. 192 has been compelled to arrive at the conclusion that he would not tell the truth under oath.

Hoping my next letter will herald the success of our strike, we remain,

Fraternally,

A FLOATER.

Local Union No. 193.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time is now at hand for me to pen you a few lines to let you know there are a few good, lively gainers left in Springfield. Quite a few good brothers have left Springfield within the last few days, there being nothing here to keep them. As good men usually want to work for good firms, and as the C. U. T. Co. is the only Telephone Co in Springfield you know the rest. Mr. Jno. I. Sabin, the union buster, is the president of this company. I want to say one thing, brothers, to one and all who may read this article, and to Mr. Sabin, we have a local union, No. 193, in Springfield, that will be here to fight the C. U. and Mr. Sabin if they desire to stay at war with us so long as such feelings exist. Mr. Sabin, with the assistance of some of his district foremen, think they can build and construct just as good lines with poor ignorant scabs as they can with first-class men. The gang of fixers Mr. Thomas had here this summer were all first-class men, and any brother who may chance to meet any of them can take them by the hand and call them brothers, for they are there on any old pole, long or short.

Bro. H. M. Logan, our acting financial secretary, is very sick at present. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We hope to hear from Bros. Jones, Dick Elwood, Tolbert and Dutch. Old boys, drop a few lines to the local so that we can have some communications to read at our next meeting. Bro. Mike Byron,

haven't heard from you nor Bro. Mamka but once since you left the Jefferson House.

Brothers, we are given to understand by an honorable member of the City Council that one of the four companies now applying for a franchise will receive one at their next regular meeting, and that no one need apply for a job to help construct this plant unless he can produce a green ticket. Local No. 193 has been given to understand that everything will be strictly union and we hope so, even to the hello girls.

Would like to ask Bro. Sherman if there is any provision in the constitution to take in the hello girls. We received a communication from a sister local of Alton, Ill., asking our opinion in regard to holding a state convention. Would like to state we are heartily in favor of holding a state convention, as I think we might bring about some way of organizing the smaller towns and, as every man who works at the business knows, we can't get too thoroughly organized. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday nights, in Carpenters' hall on Fourth st.

Yours fraternally,

R. L. FLANIGAN,

Pres.

Local Union No. 196.

Rockford, Ill., Nov. 25, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this local has not had a write-up for the Worker since it has been organized, it is time we were getting one in. Although we are green at the business, we will do the best we can.

No. 196 has been very slow in coming to the front, but we are getting things arranged and will be able to do the business in the right manner in a few more meetings.

There are about 30 linemen working here, 17 of whom are all O. K. and the rest are not. They are not drawing the wages, but we are giving them a chance and hope to win them over to our side. You all know what the C. U. Tel. Co. is and it seems as if they preferred cheap labor and I guess they do.

Work is quite slack at present. The new company has got their franchise and been ordering material but will not start

construction for some time, but when they do every fixer that comes here had better have a good paid-up card, for the franchise calls for union labor.

We see the convention at St. Louis was a great success. And success to members of Executive Board. I think I recognize big Jack McCarty's picture in the Worker. Hurrah! for Jack and No. 32.

.Well, as it is getting late, will ring off.

Fraternally yours,

P. B. SIMONTON,

TOM GRIFFITH,

Com.

Local Union No. 200.

Anaconda, Mont., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have not seen anything in the Worker from this burg, I will turn on the current and try my hand. Here is a list of the officers elected:

Pres.—J. O. Watson.

R. S.—J. B. Reed.

F. S.—R. D. May.

Our press secretary has broke his carbon and cannot write, but I want you to know that Anaconda is all right, and to tell the brothers that we are here to stay.

Business is very good at present; all the brothers are working and we have a fine membership of forty-five, all in good standing, and all good, strong union boys. The new works have a large force of wire fixers at work, and the Electric Light Company the rest of the boys. Any fixers coming this way will be requested to show a card in good standing or go mooching. As this is my first attempt at writing to the Worker, I feel the switchboard getting too hot in my cranium. Hoping our press secretary will sharpen up his carbon and look after this end of the line, I will ring off, wishing all brothers success.

Fraternally yours,

H. R. O'NEILL.

Local Union No. 204.

Springfield, O., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the press secretary is out of town and I thought perhaps some of the brothers would like to hear from No. 204 I will drop you a few lines to let you know we are still on deck although things are very quiet at present.

We gave a smoker Nov. 9th, which was a success from start to finish. J. F. Ballard, S. L. Russell and Joe Perry engineered the affair and about 50 of the electrical workers of Springfield and vicinity participated. The boys commenced to gather at our lodge room about 8 o'clock and from then till 2 A. M. open house was kept. A couple of tables were kept loaded with turkey, celery, ham, weinerwurst and other good things, while to wash it down beer and sweet cider was used. Cob pipes and tobacco were very much in evidence and only two or three times during the evening was it impossible to see your partner across the card table. Pedro, whist and euchre were the order of the evening and the tables were always filled. The boys all said they had a good time and the closer acquaintance and good fellowship brought about by the smoker will remain for a long time.

Yours fraternally,
J. F. BALLARD.

Local Union No. 207.

Palmersville, O., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will write my first letter to the Worker to let the brothers know how 207 is getting on and where it can be found.

After some time of talk and nonsense, the boys here got together and we have nearly all in line now, though there are not many. What there are are of the right kind and I have no doubt will be a success in a small way, which is all that is to be expected of a small town like this; but the small locals help to get many men in line that do not get into the cities for work and when men are in the local they are less apt to go wrong if an occasion presents itself. I am sure that the stand I made kept one at least and perhaps more from Akron, though it lost me my job with the C. U. Tel. Co. I am not going to kick, however; would do it over again to-morrow if the occasion presented itself. I saw by the daily paper that the Akron strike was declared off. Am sorry that the boys lost, for it is a hard blow for the brotherhood. I have a great deal of bull-dog in my nature, and hate to see the boys give up.

Well, I guess that will do for the first time.

MOSE,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 208.

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time to put in our little scrip, will endeavor to do so. The few of us who are here are still in good motion and doing exceedingly well. We are taking in new members nearly every meeting night. The boys are doing their level best to enlarge our number, and are doing first rate.

Eugene Hoskins and Pete Young left a short time ago and went to South Carolina, and the boys of 208 wish them good luck wherever they may be, hoping if they run across any of the good brothers they will be well taken care of, as they are worthy of a kind welcoming.

The boys of 208 would like to know where Bro. Jack Pierce is.

As it is getting late, I will close for this time.

Fraternally yours,
ROY TAYLOR.

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The members of Local 208 extend to all the members of the I. B. E. W. a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope the brotherhood may have a prosperous year.

Although we are young in the business our intentions are O. K. The employees of various companies in this section of the country are held in check by their superior officers, and in some cases just as soon as it is found that a man belongs to the brotherhood the log rolling starts, and is kept up until this party quits his job. These self-crowned kings for the enemy have their day, and the wholesale lay off of them yesterday was sufficient proof to let them know how they stand with the company. When they make statements openly that they can make linemen in a couple of months' time, and then they all fall down on their work and let go, they cannot understand what happened, but they are only tools in the hands of a company who would have them working for no wages at all, if possible. In fact, they never worked for any other company, and think they must die on the job. The old story comes back to them—take an armful of grunts out and

build work, and with the first big wind down comes the line.

Our local is growing and will continue in the future. Bro. Roy Taylor has been laid up since Thanksgiving day, but was able to sit up in bed and help administer the obligation to a candidate who was leaving town. We could not get our hall opened, so adjourned to the boarding-house and held a meeting in the sick room.

Bros. Ace Dodge, Ferguson, Gillette, Rielly, and another brother whose name I forgot, made a stop over here, but things being quiet they left for Charleston, W. Va., the following day. Ace Dodge says this town is off of his regular line, but he has added it to his list. Come again, Ace and Stormy.

Say, Rube of 56, my line has never been completed. I would like to call up Red Pete and Cy Gechter. If you can complete line by next 4th of July I hope you will do so.

Hello, Old Crews and Rocky Mountain Bob! The compliments of the season forty ways.

Where is H. H. Hard-to-handle Safety-belt Hard-doings Hicks? I have not heard your gentle voice. How is the doings, see?

What has become of the Honorable Peter Patrick Hovis? Speak up, Pete.

I hope the stamp system will be plainly explained in this issue. I am glad it has been adopted. I broke the ice on the question about one and a half years ago and have always kept it moving when I was a press secretary. It will do lots of good for the brotherhood and should have been adopted before. Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all,

I remain, as B 4,

A NINE SPOT.

Local Union No. 210.

Cairo, Ill., Nov. 12, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

We are one of the newest locals in the Brotherhood in age, but not in enthusiasm. Bro. Wissinger organized us on his way from No. 192, Memphis, Tenn., as a delegate to the convention. No one thought he would get us together, but somehow, after an effort, we secured 13 members to start with and have taken six

new ones since, and hope soon to get in all the electrical workers in the city.

Everyone is anxious to see how much more for the union he can do than anyone else, which assures success for us in the extreme point of the State of Illinois.

Brothers going through this way, don't forget to stop and register, for then we will tell you how to get across the Ohio and Mississippi rivers without paying toll.

This being my first attempt at writing for a paper, will make it short. Hoping there will be more news at my next writing, I remain,

Your brother,

M. CREIGHTON, P. S.

Donations Acknowledged.

Chicago, Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Enclosed find a list of locals who have given generously to help us win our present struggle to uphold and elevate our craft from the low status to which it has fallen. There is no language that we can use to express our gratitude to our noble brothers:

L. U. No. 16, Evansville, Ind. . . .	\$10.00
" " 17, Detroit, Mich. . . .	25.00
" " 15, Jersey City, N. J. . . .	25.00
" " 155, Oklahoma City, Ok. . . .	10.00
" " 68, Denver, Colo. . . .	10.00
" " 20, New York City	30.00
" " 54, Columbus, O. . . .	5.00
" " 1, St. Louis, Mo. . . .	25.00
" " 45, Buffalo, N. Y. . . .	25.00
" " 55, Des Moines, Ia. . . .	21.00
" " 121, Denver, Col. . . .	25.00
" " 178, Canton, O. . . .	10.00
" " 150, Bay City, Mich. . . .	5.00
" " 187, Oshkosh, Wis. . . .	5.00
" " 38, Cleveland, O. . . .	25.00
" " 120, London, Ont. . . .	10.00
" " 203, Champaign, Ill. . . .	5.00
" " 79, Syracuse, N. Y. . . .	5.00
" " 67, Quincy, Ill. . . .	5.00
" " 24, Minneapolis, Minn. . . .	100.00
" " 162, Omaha, Neb. . . .	10.00
" " 28, Baltimore, Md. . . .	5.00
" " 205, Jackson, Mich. . . .	10.00
" " 10, Indianapolis, Ind. . . .	25.00
" " 12, Pueblo, Col. . . .	19.00
" " 99, Providence, R. I. . . .	5.00
" " 14, Pittsburg, Pa. . . .	47.25
" " 31, Duluth, Minn. . . .	10.00

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L.U. No. 170, Findlay, O.	15.00
" " 146, Bridgeport, Conn.	15.00
" " 122, Great Falls, Mont.	25.00
" " 2, St. Louis, Mo.	50.00
" " 73, Spokane, Wash.	15.00
" " 161, Bowling Green, O.	5.00
" " 35, Massillon, O.	10.00
" " 174, Mansfield, O.	25.00
" " 88, Savannah, Ga.	13.25
" " 84, Atlanta, Ga.	13.25
" " 87, Newark, N. J.	10.00
" " 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.	20.00
" " 52, Newark, N. J.	25.00
" " 172, Newark, O.	3.00
" " 11, Waterbury, Conn.	10.00
" " 165, Newport News, Va.	10.00
" " 32, Lima, O.	17.25
W. B. Johnston, Oil City, Pa.	5.00

Yours fraternally,

A. E. JACKSON,
Business Agent No. 9,
25 Metropolitan Block.

A Well-Charged Battery.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 2, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I see by the November Worker where a commotion was started in No. 115, and the writer tried to clear the local as well as himself. I can't see how he cleared but one thing, and that was his salary. Take it for granted he gets \$2.50 per day. I don't want to place a dark spot on any local or member by making a statement I do not believe to be true. The information I have is from members of No. 115. If the officials of No. 115 will look the matter up they will find they have one or more members who worked for the S. W. Tel. Co. when it was an unfair job, however a scab in Austin gets as much respect as a good union man. No. 115 must admit that Austin is the home of more natural-born scabs than all the rest of Texas put together.

You say it is news to you that a committee was sent by No. 60 to No. 115 at the beginning of the strike. Our file of No. 60 shows that you were notified that a committee would arrive at Austin the 24th day of November, 1900. I will quote the report of Jerome Jones of Atlanta, Ga., organizer for the A. F. of L., who was chairman of the committee. Bro. Jones was corroborated by the other members of the

committee, three sisters of No. 60. In part he said: "We arrived in Austin, and as no one met us at the depot we located a hotel and began to make inquiries in regard to No. 115. The first few we asked never heard of electrical workers, and then we found a citizen who took us to their hall, where a meeting was being held, and we were admitted. Our appearance caused a still alarm, for the members took the first opportunity to leave the hall, and we never could find one after that night. We laid our plans before a few citizens, and with a few promises from them we returned to S. A."

As to your inability, on account of a small treasury, to assist us in time of trouble, I know of over 40 members of No. 60 that donated over \$100 to the strike fund, and some of them only received \$60 per month, and did not receive their water and lights free either.

No. 60 asked the executive board to take away No. 115's charter. Our grand secretary notified us that he had taken the matter up with R. R. Tripp (who was so slow that if he fell 100 feet it would not hurt him), and that Tripp had not acted. We never asked this till No. 115 had violated all obligations. We do not recognize them as a body or as members, and if their P. S. is an example you can easily see where the rest stand.

I do not believe there is a member of No. 60 that puts position above principle. When a man gives the brotherhood to understand that he will accede to any old thing that his corporation will put on him, his finish can be readily seen. For my part, I am through with this wrangle, and the able P. S. of No. 60 can handle it in the future. I am truly glad I was in a position to do my little bit, so consequently have a clear conscience and the respect of all the members of the brotherhood who know me.

Yours fraternally,
L. STANLEY.

Taylor, Tex., Dec. 1, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose Bro. Mack of 115 thinks he has put a quietus on us kickers, but we are still very much alive. He has misstated in some things as to Austin's being a \$2.50

and 8-hour town. It isn't now nor has it ever been an 8-hour town; neither has it any scale of wages that I ever heard of. While I was in Austin I got \$3.50 for 8 hours as foreman for the New Co., and men were getting from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for that company, while the S. W. was paying \$2.50 for 9 hours. In my October letter I said there was but one town in the state where all companies were paying \$2.50 for 9 hours before the strike, and as I am from Missouri the brother will have to show me.

The brother also makes the excuse that there was but one Southwestern man in 115. I will state for the brother's benefit, if he hasn't yet found it out, that the strike wasn't against the S. W. or any one company, but for a state scale against all companies.

Now about the burrhead. From the brother's own statement it is worse than I thought. By his own statement he has taken a negro roustabout and broken him in to do all kinds of line and repair work, instead of employing a man of experience to do the work. Of course I don't expect all to see with my glasses, but if I had been in the employ of any one company for 14 years and hadn't drag enough in that time to pick my helper, I would surely sever connections with that company.

Fraternally yours,

S. W. MCCracken.

AS WE SEE OURSELVES.

Wait, boys, till I have me dram,
And a story I will tell
Of a lot of good linemen
At the Hamilton Hotel.
'Twas on a pay-day evening,
And a big bunch was in;
They were all having a good time
And spending lots of tin.
There was Michael E. and Blinky C.
and Davis brothers, two;
All kinds of drinks were coming
For there was nothing else to do.
So in came Bones Kennedy,
He'd been working out of town;
He had all kinds of Mazumas
And he bought another round.
Now, boys, take whatever you want,
From a high-ball down to wine,
And don't be in a hurry, all be merry,
For I have lots of coin.

As everything was moving along serenely and as there were several old-time hikers in town, known as Nig Burns, Common Conners, Pap Birdsell, Morris Donahue, Bill Rooney, Ace Dodge, Long Hungry and the Weinerwurst Kid, it was decided that Bill Donahue give old Bones a Toast on his Kindness for Loosening, so here goes:

I certainly will, says Donahue Bill,

And here's to you, Bones,

For you are a royal knight of the hook,

And a floater will never disown

A lineman who's a lineman

That the sticks can hit and do his bit

When he gets to the top of the pole.

Three cheers rang loud from all the crowd

That was at the table seated;

Let ye all be quiet and have no fight

And ye'll all again be treated.

The crowd would not be satisfied until Blinky C. gave his new toast on the line-man, so Blinky consented:

Here's to all the linemen that roam from coast to coast,

One cannot tell where he will dwell,

Nor of his job can he boast;

He is here to-day and away to-morrow,

With all his coin and to his sorrow.

Good boy, Blinky, says Crockett and Foss, and Shields and Ross,

Reilly and Onie McMahan;

Says Michael E. to Blinky C.,

We will have another dram.

Says Fleming to Dye, with Blud in his eye,

There'll be something doing soon;

We'll get our beer and get out of here

And hike by the light of the moon.

So Happy Davis started something

That looked just like a fight,

And we were all thrown out of Hamilton's

On that pay-day evening night.

Yours truly,

LONG HUNGRY.

W. E. Herring, the electrical worker who was indicted by the grand jury, charged with having been a party to the destruction of a cable of the Southwestern Telephone Co. on July 4, was acquitted last week in the district court, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty in less than ten minutes after the case was submitted. It

was a matter of great surprise that an indictment was found against Herring by the grand jury.

A Full House—5 H's.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here goes again good news for the union. I arrived in Pittsburg Nov. 30 and am now nursing a sore hand, having had a little trouble with one of our brothers in Findlay. There is lots of work here at the present. I had a good job to go to but I am not able to work just yet. I would like to hear where Bro. Hatt is. There are a lot of good brothers here. We have Bro. Shields from the south and are having a lot of fun with him; also Bros. Tom and John Kelly, Jake Haas, better known as the careful mover and Wm Collier from Warren, U. S. We are all stopping at the same place. The boys are all working hard getting ready for their dance. It is about time for Bro. Shields to go back south as the hair has all grown on the dog's back that he poured the boiling paraffine over.

I see Bro. Miller of Erie, has started his new mascot in the business. I would like to hear from Bros. Mulherin and Pot Hook Jim. Goo boy, Red Pete, for what you did at the convention. I would like to hear from Bro. Archibald of Denver.

Bro. Flack, of No. 121, I would like to ask you a question. Do you class a disabled man with a booze fighter just because he has been so unfortunate as to be disabled? Do you call it a spirit of brotherly love or true unionism to throw down a man with a good traveling card because he has had an accident? Remember you are not dead yet, and might be in the same fix some day.

I am glad to see Bro. Sherman back in his old place again and hope our new superiors will do good work for the brotherhood.

Does anybody ever see Big in Birmingham? By the way, would like to hear where Kid Farrell is; he must be down in the Philippines; also Bro. Mike Collins. I would like to hear from you. Don't forget Mike how I treated you when you were

in Cleveland, but you never had time to write to me.

The boys in Findlay were getting along nicely when I left there. Pittsburg has a strong local and there are a nice lot of men in it. Some of the old timers are here that were here 14 years ago during the Allegany County Light Co.'s strike. Most all the old heads are back again in the local. R. E. Collier is business agent, is a hustler and is doing good work.

I see we have trouble in Philadelphia and Chicago. Stick to her, boys, and success will crown your efforts, I sincerely hope.

Si Powers is I think some place around Buffalo. Keep your eye peeled for him for the dirty work he did in Cleveland.

Bro. Frank Sullivan, I would like to hear from you; also Jack Orr. What is the matter with you Louisville, Harrisburg and Scranton? Wake up and say something. Anybody could be slow. Let us hear from you.

Don't be a knocker, and then you'll have friends. If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let it go at that. Don't be a knocker; your turn will come if you have the push. No one man is the whole show. If you see the town is moving along nicely, feel good about it, help it along; shove a little. Try and get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a chilly old cadaver. Don't waste your time feeling sore because some fellow has a little more sand and sense than you have. Do a little hustling yourself. Don't be a knocker. If you can say a good word say it like a prince. If you are full of bile and disposed to say something keep your mouth shut. Don't be a knocker. No man ever helped himself permanently by knocking down his neighbor. Give up a kind word. Give it liberally. It won't cost you a cent and you may want one yourself some day. You may have thousands to-day and the next be without the price of a shave.

I would like to hear from Uncle Tom. I have not heard from him for a long time.

This is all for the present. Hope I will have a more interesting letter next time.

Very respectfully,

H. H. H. H. HICKS.

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Additional Locals

Local Union No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

After our grand successful convention held in this city in the month of October last, I am in a mood to resume my duties as press secretary with more vigor and hopes for a grand improvement within the next two years in our brotherhood.

The first delegate to arrive was E. Arrington of L. U. 15, Jersey City, closely followed by Delegates L. Chester of San Francisco, Local 6, and R. P. Gold of the Ex. Board, then P. Deffer and W. Kennedy, of Washington, D. C. After these delegates I am unable to state the order of arrivals. Ex-G. P. Wheeler arrived Saturday night at 10:10, accompanied by F. Estingheuser of Cleveland, O., and others whose names I failed to get. They were escorted to the hotel by President Campbell of No. 1 and committee. Sherman and Sheehan arrived next day.

The session opened in due form Monday a. m., and the afternoon was spent in visiting the largest brewery in the world, Anheuser-Busch. Bro. W. A. Jackson, of L. U. 9, appealed to the guide for permission to take a small hogshead of beer, 1,000 gallons, to put in his cellar for the old and decrepit linemen that have traveled from coast to coast and pillar to pillar, but his appeal was in vain. In the evening the delegates were introduced to a committee of world's delegates composed of "Kid" Gillett, Bob Curry and "Stormy" Fulkerson. Billy Handback, who arrived to ask the convention to give them proper credentials, failed to make the request at the convention, as they were lured into the P. H. C.'s by Frank Roth of Atchison, Kan., and were contented.

Tuesday evening the delegates were entertained by L. U. No. 1 with a smoker and speaking and singing; also amber-hued beverage as a thirst-quencher, and L. U. No. 2 responded Wednesday evening with almost the same program, except a band of music under the supervision of the venerable old gent Patrick Coughlin.

Our dance was a grand success and well

attended, but owing to the laws of St. Louis our bar was closed at one o'clock a. m., and after that it was almost too warm to dance, and about three o'clock all was over. Friday evening was spent at the theater, with a specially arranged program. Saturday evening was the first night session held, and Sunday was the adjournment sine die. It was absolutely necessary that a session be held on Sunday, as many of the delegates would have to leave, as they only asked leave from their positions until the next Monday.

Now that the electrical workers have adopted plans to thoroughly organize our craft through the incumbent executive board, it is the duty of the rank and file to assist them in their duties by using all energy in giving moral support to organize this brotherhood in the future to the grandest in existence. We must also remember the saying that electricity is in its infancy, and apply the same to our brotherhood, and set out to mature it as soon as possible. Every dollar spent for organizing is well spent when it is accomplishing its point. Let us hope for the next two years for a grand successful reign of harmony throughout our brotherhood. Perhaps some day all crafts will be directly under one head as a gigantic organization, and then life will be more pleasant to us who have to perform the hazardous labor for a livelihood.

Local No. 2 is progressing fine. We have only three brothers on the sick list, and by Monday Bro. Sweeney, after ten weeks of sickness from a fall, will resume work, leaving Bros. Wm. Ray and Wm. Lebert still confined to their beds. We sincerely hope these two brothers will soon recover. Bro. Lebert is going on his fourth month of sickness from a fall, and Bro. Ray seventh week, with pneumonia.

Bro. W. R. Gray was presented with two fine boys on Oct. 23, one weighing 5¼ and the other 6⅓ pounds. Both had their applications presented to our local executive board for approval and were accepted, but have not been obligated. Bro. Gray is our president, and from the above results must be in possession of good substantial qualities as an organizer in bringing in members, two at a time. Hope for better results in future, Bob.

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Our next brother who has placed himself on record is Robert O'Connor, or "Little Bobbie," as he is called, who has considered the fact that he could prosper by taking to himself a wife. All the boys wish him success in his new life.

Bro. Wm. Milton and Doc. Kealsay have left St. Louis for Indianapolis, both with their green tickets. Duke Percell passed through St. Louis on his way to Southern quarters last week.

Work is very slack in St. Louis just at present in our line, but expect it to get better soon. However, we will let all know when it opens up through the Worker.

Mrs. Reinhardt, who has boarded a good many linemen in St. Louis for years, passed into eternity on Oct. 24th of this year. Mrs. Reinhardt was good and generous to all and her death is received with the greatest regret by all who knew her.

Hello, Dougherty and Dunn, of No. 20, glad to hear we have some delegates who are willing to return to this smoky city. I for one would be glad to see the entire delegation that attended our convention here return and reside with us, so place no obstacle in the way of P. J. Dunn if he will return with the prospects of the present.

I am inclined to think that the trades unions will have trouble with the Louisiana Purchasing Exposition Co., in order to have all work on it done by bona fide union men. A committee of the Central Trades and Labor Union called several times for a hearing before the company and got no satisfaction until last Wednesday, Nov. 27th, when the company appointed a committee to wait upon ours. After said meeting, Mr. Brandt, a member of the committee, was elected to the convention of the American Federation of Labor to present before that body the action of said company in refusing to deal with the committee of the C. T. and L. U. in four months. Both committees met Saturday, Oct. 30th, without accomplishing anything, and Sunday, Dec. 1st, a special meeting was called and the committee reported the result, and was instructed to make a final call before Bro. Brandt left for Scranton. I am not in possession of the final result, but will let the secretary know after this afternoon if anything particular. The printers had the first controversy with them for having scab

literature printed for advertising purposes, which the delegates will remember was strewed around in our convention, represented to be all O. K., without the stamp of the said printers' trades union, which was an oversight by the party who introduced them.

In a few weeks St. Louis will have two more locals, the trimmers, and telephone wiremen and inspectors.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN J. MANSON,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I don't think the company liked the way I spoke about their retaining their linemen for the winter, as I am looking for a job and there are about twenty-five others in the same boat.

The Telephone and Light Co. laid off men on the 4th and 5th of December. If any of you are thinking about coming this way I will state that chances for a job are very slim.

Laying off men don't stop the progress of L. U. No. 14, as there is always someone on meeting night to see the goat. The slow ones are beginning to see we are a good thing.

Bro. P. P. Sullivan is dangerously ill with stomach trouble. All brothers hope for the best but things look bad for him.

In reading L. U. 27's piece last month I notice one brother received information from Bro. Jim Burgess. This is wrong as Jim Burgess is not a brother of the I. B. E. W. He was expelled from L. U. No. 14 last March. If any brother wants to know what for any of the officers of L. U. No. 14 can give the information.

We were a little surprised in regard to Bro. C. Haines; at the same time were glad to learn that L. U. 27 caught the fish we tried so hard to land. He is a brother now and L. U. 14 sends its best wishes and hopes he will be successful in his new venture.

Wake up, president of L. U. 27, and answer your mail.

I hope that the brothers of No. 14 will can me as press secretary.

W. L. THOMPSON.

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Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will once more write the official letter to the Worker, that journal which is published solely for the men of our craft and which every member should take a lively interest in, for you must remember we are stockholders in this publication, every member of the brotherhood. I am sorry to report an accident to one of our brothers, one of the best union men that ever stepped in shoe leather, Bro. Frank Kubiak, who had the toes on one of his feet crushed off while helping to raise a pole. He is getting along as well as could be expected after such a painful piece of ill-luck and we all sincerely hope to see him out in good shape soon.

For the benefit of traveling brothers, also for the benefit of those of our members who don't come to the meetings often enough to keep posted on current events of our local, I will announce that we have moved from our old quarters to a new hall. We will now be found at 200 Randolph street, and we will meet Thursday night instead of Monday night hereafter, in the same hall that the brothers of No. 133, inside wiremen, meet in.

Line work is somewhat slack at present and it is very cold, so would advise traveling brothers to steer clear of Detroit till several weeks after New Year's when things will begin to open up in good shape for several months of good work. New telephone company, you know, next summer.

I do not know how work is for inside wiremen, but probably that old time friend of ours, Frank Raymond, the press secretary of 133, will have a letter in the Worker telling conditions in their branch of the trade.

No. 17 is doing quite good these days, but I want to record my kick against the poor attendance at some of the meetings. If it were not for such good, loyal, well-attending members as Dick Scanlan, George Harrison, George Burns, Ed. Hindson, Elwood Lamb and some others that I could mention, No. 17 would not have the influence it has. I say all honor to these brave men and true who have been the mainstay of our local by their unfailing

attendance and good union work, and good union talk outside.

In connection with the above I think we should have a rule that any member not attending at least twice a month should be fined; and if he did not pay it fire him out; he is no good inside of the union, and he can do no more harm outside of it than he is doing inside anyhow. I get so badly disgusted at the apathy of some members that I think sometimes that I will go to giving that old stock excuse myself that "my wife was sick" and stay away awhile and see how it would seem.

We were pleased to see our old-time friend, Bro. H. J. Hurd, of Canada, when he was on his way to the convention. We had not seen him since he used to run the storage battery plant in Detroit. We understood he organized a local in Windsor, Canada, across the river from Detroit, with the help of Business Agent Jenkins of No. 133.

I see in the Worker that some of the locals are still having trouble in getting some of the non-union men in. Well, brothers, we have some of the same kind of cattle here in Detroit too. They are always blowing that they are union men at heart. There is not a union hair on their heads. We call the turn on that kind of an excuse, and that kind of a man; he is self-seeking, utterly devoid of manly principles; utterly contemptuous of the well-being of his fellow-working man; utterly ignorant—and wants to stay that way—of the intents and purposes for which the union was organized; he has not an idea nor an aspiration beyond the advancement of his own traitorous self; he would probably be a detriment to the union if he was in, for a persistent non-union man is cowardly of heart, and servile of soul, and would fly to cover at the first sign of trouble without a doubt. Having managed to keep the skin of his belly from flapping around his backbone like a wet sheet about a wire clothes-line—because he gets decent wages and can keep his belly full—he imagines that it is his own massive brain that has enabled him to get good pay, while in reality it is the influence of the union that has raised wages at least a third in the last several years. And when he denies it

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he simply signs a certificate of his own idiocy, or hopeless dishonesty.

Yes, Mr. Editor, I have almost invariably found that the persistent non-union man, this blowhard from Lungville, knows barely enough to get in out of the we, when it rains; he is to organized labor what a pound of putty would be in the stomach of a dyspeptic, and when he gets his perpetual-motion mouth going the only thing you can do is either to force him to go away back and sit down hard, or else break him in twain and feed the best half to the buzzards.

I see with satisfaction which amounts to jubilation the fact that one of those spies that came to Detroit to do some dirty work for the Manufacturers' Information Bureau, became aware that there was going to be something doing around his vicinity and he wrapped his one spare shirt and a paper collar in a newspaper and scooted for the train, so we are rid of the dirty, cringing hound. It fills our hearts with rage to think there is a human being so low and degraded that he will make it a business to undermine and betray honest workingmen who have banded together for the betterment of humanity.

I see that in President Roosevelt's message to Congress he recommends that the trusts be put more under control. That is what organized labor has been fighting for right along, for we realize that those towering millions represent remorseless raids on the poor man's pantry. We realize that this enormous wealth is a badge of infamy instead of a matter for exultation, and that these gamblers in the blood of the poor are trying to get away ahead of the game. These gigantic combinations are a mighty menace, and should possess very few rights which a sovereign people are bound to respect. It outrages the feelings of organized labor to think that an arrogant trust should try to say to the laboring people: "You shall not work and eat unless I can be idle and eat of the fruit of your toil." We consider it simply bestial.

We are well aware that many well-fed people consider it a crime to call attention to these facts about trusts, but we as union men will continue doing so just the same, and we will continue fighting every injustice against the workingman. The great

common people will yet be raised toward the skies by organized labor, and not cast down to hell by the itching palm of greed and mammon. No matter what is in store in the future, organized labor will be there, a barricade planted down by determined men, the savage rear-guard of human kind.

DAN E. ELLSWORTH,

Press Secy.

Local Union No. 20.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Adieu! adieu!

Out goes the old and in comes the new.

After six months of energy, placed to what I thought the advantage of the craft in general, and although the direct representative of Local No. 20, always following out the fundamental rule of "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none," believing international bodies should be international in fact, as well as name, I now hand over to another the duties and responsibilities attached to the office of delegate, hoping my successor may accomplish two, nay, ten-fold, the good your humble servant has done in his term.

I believe as Richard Crocker, that you should not keep one man in office perpetually, as that leads to monarchy. But, on the other hand, to infuse new blood, new ideas (so long as they are practical), in all organizations. Man is only human (I've seen some who are not), and has a certain amount of energy and reserve force. If you overtax his capacity of energy and draw on his reserve force, naturally you will impair his resources and go against the law of nature, the law which human diplomacy cannot change, the law that knows no bribery, that is as fundamental as the law of one and one are two.

Local No. 20 has nominated officers and will elect them the next meeting in December. There are quite a number of good men in the field for all the offices, and when we elect them and the new year comes in I sincerely hope that every brother will join forces together. Shun every man working at the craft until he joins you. Be union men 24 hours a day. Cut out little petty jealousies. Attend meetings regularly, even if some one is there you don't like, but is paid-up like

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yourself. In other words, join the energy of the members of Local No. 20 for the good of all and I dare say every company in our territory will take off their bonnets to us, not because they like us, but because we command recognition.

As this will be my last letter to the Worker for awhile, I will tell you some different types of men I met as business agent. There is the fellow who never attends meetings and who will give as an excuse that there is too much rag-chewing at the meeting. Then the fellow who is energetic when he is holding an ordinary job, but loses all interest when he gets an easy berth. Then the fellow who pays regular dues when on a job where he has to, but forgets what the financial secretary looks like if he gets on a job the union does not control. Then the man who will sit and take no interest, and will vote at haphazard on all questions. These are a few of the types you meet, and types that do not go to make strong organizations.

Local No. 20 has a strike on all light companies in Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, White Plains, Port Chester and Tarrytown, N. Y., and Greenwich, Conn.

These companies are controlled by the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and are the only companies in our territory who do not pay the wages. Hoping all brothers will keep clear of these bergs is our earnest desire.

In closing I wish to thank the brothers of No. 20 who have assisted me while their delegate, and I now bid you one and all adieu, officially, regretting nothing I have done as your representative, and will conclude by saying, as Honest Tom Wheeler said at the convention, "If I have erred, it was an error of the head and not of the heart."

Yours for Labor,
BULLETTTS.

Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Pa. Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The light is still burning and I will make use of it for a few moments, as they will expect a few lines in this month. We are still doing business in the same old place and still holding the Elec. L. Co. at par. We have considerable work in sight but

they do not want to pay \$2.75 for nine hours and we do not send any men on the works, and when they get hard up for men they will pay it and never complain. The E. L. Co. is offering \$3 for trimmers to go out and do line work, but not many of them chose to do it. They have good men when it takes four of them 27 hours to locate a cross three poles from the plant. A No. 1? Nit! If they are not tied up I do not know what you would call it.

Your humble servant was arrested two weeks ago for assault and battery for calling "Scab!" and held in \$600. The case has not come up yet; another brother is in the same fix.

Our meetings are pretty well attended, but they last so long the boys get pretty dry. They ought to put it off one night of the week.

Local 104, J. H. Devine, who did the trick on you last May, is taking a rest in Trenton. I think probably for two or three years; caught him cold-handed with a coil of Penn. R. R. copper wire.

Mt. Vernon, when you write letters please put your monogram on same, as it is hard to guess who writes them when you do not know the writing. Hoping you got the necessary information through Bro. Dougherty.

Uncle T. Irons, please excuse me for not answering your letter, as I have not had the time yet.

Some of those press secretaries through Illinois ought to get a good shock and wake up once a month. Received several T. C. last month: Bros. Morarity, McGivern, Gordon, Kingam, Skinner, Shadick, and many more that I cannot remember.

Most all brothers are at work. Several gangs quit last week and week before working for Bell Tel. Co., as they chose to reduce them to nine hours, instead of ten, at 28 less, and they were off some 24 hours and went back to work again.

Bro. J. O'Leary fell out of a tree in Camden Saturday, the 7th, and it was reported in the evening he was not expected to live. Cannot say how he is getting along.

We expect a large meeting the 27th, as it is the election of officers, and we do not want anybody to come up and say he did not know of it.

R. H. KELLAR,
Press Sec.

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Local Union No. 32.

Lima, O., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I failed to get a letter in the Worker last month, but will try to make amends for it the present number. We are all getting along fine and all brothers are working, but as far as the work is concerned it will be a little slack on account of material. In the last month we added five new members to our fold and are looking for about that many more.

We are going to give our first annual ball December 18th, and if it is a success you will hear of the second annual next year about this time.

The brothers working for the C. U. have been having considerable trouble with that cheap skate of a manager, Mr. Garber, he wanting men to push gangs at \$2.50 per day, but he made a mistake when he run up against brothers like John Wilson, P. Frayer, Malony, Copeland and several others.

We are all very well pleased with our last convention and hope that all the officers will perform their duties as heretofore.

Now, one word to the deserving brothers of Chicago. Don't get discouraged, stick together, and your day will soon come. We have a few of your brothers here, Mortimer Miller and Birmingham, and we will take good care of them. I think I have told all the news for this time. I will close with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the members of our brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,
G. B. DREINER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 56.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more I am going to distribute a little hot-air. By next meeting we will have a press secretary for we nominated some good material at our last meeting; all it needs is developing. There is one thing I wish to thank you for, Bro. Sherman, and that is the many little favors you have rendered me in the correction of the letters that I had the nerve to send you for publication.

Local 56 is stirring herself just now, along with other locals, and we are going

to take up politics, outside the sacred precincts of our local; that is we have formed a distinct organization to place a union labor ticket on the ballot for the coming municipal election, for the time has come and with it the knowledge that if we want to derive any benefits from legislative action we will have to do it ourselves, through the medium of the ballot, for heretofore our doctrines of unionism and our efforts in that line have been to no avail, when organized union men would go to the polls and vote for the capitalist or his tool, who would in turn order out the militia to shoot down the very men who voted him in office, thinking he was a friend to a laboring man. At our last convention our delegate was fortified with resolutions to submit before the convention to allow the discussion of politics in our locals, but it was never mentioned. I hope before long that the I. B. E. W. will give this matter more consideration. We also had resolutions calling for the exclusion of national guardsmen, militiamen, Pinkerton's, etc., from our ranks, as they also are tools in the hands of the capitalist to oppress the laboring man, break strikes and protect scabs; along with other important matters that should have received special notice.

Local 56 is going to hold its fifth annual ball on Wednesday, the 11th, and by all indications it will eclipse any event of this kind this season. There has been over two hundred tickets sold so far and more will have to be printed.

Hoping this letter will reach you in time, I am,

Fraternally,
J. J. REID.

Local Union No. 65.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Perhaps some of the readers of our journal would like to hear from the county seat of the world. They may think we are dead ones, but no, we just made a mistake in our last press secretary; he couldn't write and we only just found it out. We feel highly honored to have our brother, James Davidson, representative to the late convention, elected 1st vice-president of the executive board. On his return the 13th of last month we gave a banquet in

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his honor, no one but members being present. Bro. Davidson was taken by surprise, and enjoyed the evening, as did every one else. A large bouquet of flowers was set at the host's plate, and the spread was grand. Bro. Elliott made the opening address and Bro. Davidson responded, telling us all about the convention; the rest of the evening being spent in eating, and throwing what wasn't eaten, no canning being done.

We have had one of the best summers that Butte has ever seen, lots of work being done in all branches. Every one who came this way was given a chance if he had a card or \$25. There is not an idle man in town now, and if the weather holds out I don't expect there will be.

We are back in the Building Trades Council again. Perhaps some of the readers didn't know we were out all summer on account of an agreement signed with the Montana Electric Co. to stop members of the union from taking work or being interested in a monetary way in any contract and working on the job. This agreement was gotten up by the company and brought to the union by the manager when eight hours was asked for and Bro. Sullivan had been only working his men eight hours for a year past. He is now paying from 50 cents to \$1.00 per day better than the union scale, and I suppose the company's men will soon want the raise, too, and will this time sign an agreement to hang Sullivan or tar and feather him. We got back in the council in a funny way, too good to keep. Four of the men who fought for this agreement were discharged three weeks ago and the agreement was forthwith declared off at the next meeting, leaving us eligible to a seat in the council. Funny way things are done here.

Butte is one of the strongest union towns in America. The lathers here get \$8.00, plasterers \$7.00, plumbers and brick layers \$6.00, carpenters \$5.00, building laborers \$4.50, for tending plasterers \$5.00, electrical workers, linemen \$3.75, inside wiremen \$4.00.

We have a paid-up membership of about 80, meet twice a month, and there are always 12 or 15 present unless the companies send their guards. You can see how our scale compares with the other unions

and imagine the rest. Won't say any more until I see how this looks in print.

To be continued,

C. C. VAN INWEGEN,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 121.

Denver, Col., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The past month has not been as good financially as it might have been. Remember that three months in arrears means loss of sick and death benefit for the next three months and it costs you just as much in the long run. Besides, money coming in regularly puts us in a more healthy financial condition. We will probably have the stamp system for January, and will also have a new ledger, so will ask everybody who possibly can to pay up to Jan. 1st, so that I will not have to carry over any sum against your name in the new book. Well begun is half done. A clean page to start with the first of the year, and a clean page all the year, will make you feel better, me look pleasanter, and the whole union brighter.

Bro. W. P. Hedberg is laid up with broken ribs at Badger, Wyo., care of Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co.

Chinese and Japanese labor are a long way from taking the electrical worker's place, yet we ought to make every effort to have the Gainey act re-enacted as it would benefit the whole labor cause.

Some of our members, in trying to get new members, have told some of the non-union men that they have got to join the union. This looks to me like a very serious proposition. When you tell a man he has got to do something you are up against a pretty hard game. There are a few things a man has really got to do, and to join our union is not one of them. The best way, in my opinion, is to build up our local and conduct its affairs in such a manner that an outsider would really see where it would be to his advantage to join, and then such men would be the very best of members to have; whereas, if we were able force them in, they would simply be a dead weight on the local and in the end might sink us.

Wishing all locals a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

B. B. FLACK,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 130.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Here is 130! She is in a flourishing condition, taking in new ones every meeting. Our latest are Bros. W. H. Rocnester and M. Marr, who have just got back to the city and jumped right in the circuit; they are good ones too.

We have a little trouble on our hands. We have a firm here which claims to own the earth, The Newman Sprauley Co. They took \$9.60 out of Bro. E. L. Maudin's wages and after thorough investigation we found that the firm was wrong and Bro. Maudin right, so we made a demand for his money and they ordered our committee out of their shop. The committee had instructions, so when they refused to pay up the committee pulled the men out. We have since met them and they have refused all kinds of ways to arbitrate. We have even, so I am informed, offered to submit the whole matter to the Hon. J. Ward Gurley, Ex-United States District Attorney, and now district attorney for the Parish of Orleans, and agreed to stand on his decision, which we are sure would have been a fair, honest and impartial one, and they refused even to consider it, so we are now laying on our oars.

We had a couple of men in their shop who showed the white feather and will write more about them in my next, as we intend to take action on their cases next meeting, which I expect will be a hummer.

Locals 4 and 130 get along fine, each working into the other's hands, you might say like man and wife. Of course No. 4 is the man, as it is the oldest. We are making arrangements for a grand joint complimentary ball for New Year's Eve, and it ought to be a hummer. The following committee of arrangements have charge of the affair: M. E. Riley, chairman; Tim Cronin, ex-officio, local 4, G. W. Kendall, Jr., ex-officio, local 130; W. F. Ragan, T. Aspinwall, Geo. Sells, P. C. Ryan and T. G. Ziegler. We expect to issue about 5000 invites so you can imagine the bunch that we will have there.

As it is about bed time, I will close with best regards and well wishes to the brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,
T. G. ZIEGLER,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 134.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

After several months I will again endeavor to have a line in the Worker. This is at the request of Bro. Denisson, whose other duties for our local are nearly covering him up.

We have enjoyed a good fall and don't expect to kill much time this winter if the "gas fighters" don't get the best of us. Just now our business agent, John Maloney, who has a wide acquaintance in our brotherhood, is at Scranton in attendance at the A. F. of L. convention and has gone well equipped for the fray. There is no one but wishes him success in his efforts for the brotherhood. With him went two of the boys we sent to St. Louis at the last convention, Bros. C. A. Roff and Wm. Cleff, to keep him company.

We have experienced quite a large increase in our membership during the past year and would have had many more if we wished to take anyone who had the price. Don't take from this that we favor anybody. Our very efficient examining board will pass you if you can pass an examination proving yourself an electrical wireman or worker, I might say, who knows how to do any electrical construction in buildings from the generator to the farthest lamp on the system. No others need apply. What we desire is members who will be a credit to the local and the order in general. On this line I might say that we have instituted a series of meetings to freshen up our minds and keep pace with the times, every Thursday evening, in the club room and there are plenty of entertainers at the blackboard. We are blessed with a number of college-bred boys who do a turn occasionally.

Fraternally,
F. J. BURCH.

Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 6, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

No. 136 is now progressing nicely. According to my promise to write up several brothers and other parties, I am proud to say this will not be necessary. We are taking in new members on every meeting night. We have initiated Bros. Phillips,

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Hoffman, Finch and Vincent, and I believe they are all good material.

Three weeks ago we gave a smoker, which was highly enjoyed and well attended. We had several good speakers and profited by their talk, both employer and employee giving their ideas, which we must say were very good.

The Birmingham Building Trades Council is now taking the right steps towards building a nice office building and lodge rooms. We understand it will be a stock company and the majority of the stock will be taken by organized labor. So in the near future we will probably tell you about the progress of our new home.

We are very sorry to say that we have lost our worthy brother, H. O. McIntuff. No. 100, of Jacksonville, Fla., will gain by our loss. We can only say the kindest things of Bro. McIntuff, and assure No. 100 that he is all O. K.

No. 84, we have your letter and expected ere this that you would have taken proceedings. We are very sorry to learn that we will be compelled to contend with some of the scabs from your town, but nevertheless will handle them in the way they should be treated. Your man is here working for F., B. & D. I am very sorry to see that he has turned out as he has. Remember that we will work in harmony with you and do our duty. I hope we will straighten this firm out in the near future.

Bro. Gabe Wright, of Ensley, Ala., would like to hear from Bro. F. N. Reynolds, of No. 32, and Bro. Cary, 1813 Sixth Ave., Birmingham, Ala., wants to hear from Bros. Campbell and Birdine of No. 84. Bro. Snake Gallagher came through here on a flying trip. Now, Bro. Snake, the next time you come through Birmingham try and pay us a visit. We meet on Tuesday nights, 7:30 sharp.

If indications count for anything we expect to have a very lively election, as we have from 6 to 12 candidates for each office, excepting the presidency. I am glad to say that Bro. Brown is alone in this race, and we look upon him as the "best what is, because we need him in our biz."

Taking everything into consideration, we are getting along fairly well. Of course we expect a little trouble in the future, which I believe we have ability to handle.

Our brothers are attending more regularly than they have heretofore, and our effort to unionize Birmingham, I am proud to say, is meeting with good success.

I will close, asking that Bro. H. C. Rollins write to Bro. Sheats, care Southern Bell Tel. Co., Birmingham, Ala.

Fraternally yours,

R. E. L.,

Press Sec.

P. S.—As we have lost Bro. McIntuff, all brothers will make remittances to Bro. F. C. Powell, Treasurer, 516 S. 23rd St., Birmingham.

Local Union No. 178.

Canton, O., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker :

Kindly publish these few lines to inform the many members of our Brotherhood that Local 178 is still alive and doing business at the same old stand. We held our regular meeting last evening and quite a good many members were present. With Bro. James Shane in the chair, Ivan Dodge as recording secretary and Homer Wood as financial secretary, the business of the local is conducted in a businesslike manner.

Work in and around this section has been very good the past summer, but is now a little on the decline. The Stark County Telephone Company has been installing plants in Canton and Alliance. Ex-Bro. J. F. Slattery is the Supt. in charge of the work and the jobs have been conducted on union principles.

I wish to correct a statement made to the effect that Bro. J. F. Slattery left our Brotherhood of his own free will. This is not true for the simple reason that the Zanesville local forced Bro. Slattery, who was holding a position as supt. of construction, to take out a withdrawal card against his will, deeming it to the interest of both Bro. Slattery and the Brotherhood. Bro. Slattery is a staunch union man in every way and is always willing to do his share towards the betterment of our brotherhood. I make this correction in justice to Bro. Slattery.

The Stark County Telephone Co. (opposition) has its headquarters in Canton and your humble servant is located in Alliance looking after this end of the line.

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for Bro. Slattery. The Alliance plant is practically completed with over four hundred phones working and we are picking up a few stragglers on the outer edge of the town. The Canton plant is not so far advanced, owing to the fact that they were late getting the cable work started. Still they will be giving service in a few days.

Hello, local No. 10! I trust you have received the majority of the vote in the contest for the next convention. No. 178 voted solid for you, knowing that if any one local deserves the honor of having the convention that local is No. 10; besides, the writer is aware of the beauties of your city and the many facilities you have for the entertaining of the visiting delegates.

Mr. Editor, I want a little information and I trust I will get it in the same spirit that I ask for it. Why, or how is it, one member of our brotherhood can get the power to call off or continue a strike as he sees fit? I refer to the Akron strike. I have been informed that Bro. Sherman sent a telegram to the local in Akron saying that Bro. Wheeler would arrive in Akron with full power to act. Who invested Bro. Wheeler with the power? Bro. Wheeler arrived in Akron, as I have been informed, called a meeting and decided to continue the strike. Shortly after this Bro. Wheeler got 14 of the members in a room and gave them a talk on going back to work. He called the meeting to order and had them take a vote to go or not to go back to work, and out of 14 votes cast 10 voted to return to work and 4 voted to remain out. There and then Bro. Wheeler declared the strike off. Now I understand there were 54 members in the Akron local. Out of this number a meeting was called with 14 members present and they then voted whether to return to work or continue the strike. 10 voted to return to work and 4 voted to stay out. What about the other 40 members, did they not have anything to say in this all-important matter? It seems not. Two members of the Akron local told us at our meeting last night that at the time the strike was declared off they stood a better chance of winning out than they did at any time during the strike. If this is true where did Bro. Wheeler have the right to call the strike off as he did. I am

also informed that at one time while Bro. Wheeler was grand president and holding a meeting in Akron there could have been a settlement made with the People's Telephone Co., as the said company sent one of its agents up to a meeting of the strikers with the request that a committee be sent to wait on the officials of the People's Phone Co. After the messenger left the hall I am told Grand President Wheeler takes the floor and uses these words "to h— with the People's Telephone Co. It is the Bell Telephone Co. we are fighting." If this is true, I claim the strikers lost a grand opportunity to beat the Bell out. If they had got a settlement with the Peoples' Phone Co. they would have then been in shape to fight the Bell Co. through the People's Phone., for they could then have gone to the people of Akron and stated we have a strike on against the Bell Telephone Co. and we kindly ask you to assist us by taking out the Bell phone and using the Peoples' phone, but instead of accepting this chance Bro. Wheeler ignored it and gave the brothers of the local no say in the matter. Now, brothers, the outcome of this strike is that out of 54 union men working in Akron at the time the strike took place there are now only 8 union men working. There is something wrong here, and I for one would like to know where the blame should be laid. If the E. B. did not wish to assist local 89 financially, why did they not state this to the strikers and let them decide if they would continue the strike or not, and I am certain that they would have continued the strike with the assistance of the central bodies in Akron. I have been told that the central labor unions had already donated \$500 to the strikers and were arranging to levy an assessment on their members which would have amounted to something like \$1300 a week. This being the fact, what right had Bro. Wheeler to go there at all, let alone to call off the strike. Now, brothers, these are the facts as I received them from two members of No. 89 of Akron, and one of these brothers was an officer of the local at the time but was not at the meeting at the time the strike was declared off for the simple reason that he was not notified of the meeting.

In conclusion, I will say to all locals

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avoid strikes if you possibly can, use them only as a last resort, but if you are forced to engage in a strike to better your conditions do not allow any of the grand officers to have anything to say in the matter. Better for us to forfeit the strike benefit and conduct our own strikes than allow our grand officers to settle a strike for us, for I have never known of a single strike to be won where a grand officer had charge of it. On the other hand, allow me to refer to the strike No. 39 of Cleveland had against the Bell Telephone Co. one year ago last spring. I was at that time president of No. 39. We concluded to ask for the 8-hour day and sent our committees to wait on the Bell and Cuyahoga Telephone Cos. The Cuyahoga granted our request at once but the Bell Co. ignored us entirely. After using every honorable means in our power we were forced to call a strike against the Bell Co., and we were out only one week when they were glad to settle with us, and they even allowed us half-time for the time we were out on strike. Now we did not have any of the E. B. with us, but we had the support of all the unions in the city. We invited the officers of the various organizations to address our meetings, and right here, brothers, let me tell you that it is to your interest to join your central bodies. Elect delegates who will attend the meetings, keep in touch with them so that when you have trouble they will give you more assistance than the E. B. of our brotherhood will or ever have given you. I myself am opposed to strikes, but once in it let the local handle it and if there is one local that is not able and capable of conducting a strike that local should never engage in one. While I have every respect for our grand officers, still I claim that the members of a local are just as able and capable of handling a strike as any one or all of the E. B. The members of the local are on the ground and are fully posted in the affairs; more so than a stranger. Another result of a general officer conducting a strike was the calling off of the strike in Texas. The local should have conducted that strike themselves. The sister locals were contributing money to carry on the Texas strike, and I claim it was wrong to appoint anyone of the E. B. to handle it. I refer you to the

actions of R. R. Tripp. That is sufficient.

Now, Mr. Editor, I wish to see this letter in print, and not sentenced to the waste basket. I also wish to state that I for one hope there has been a majority of votes in favor of the headquarters remaining in Rochester and not being moved to Washington. It would cost more to edit our journal in Washington than it would in any other city in the United States. If we must have permanent headquarters let us have them more centrally located, for instance, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, or any other city centrally located, and not in the extreme east, west, north or south. And now wishing our new officers and each and every local success, I remain,

Faternally,

HUGH MURRIN,
Press Sec.

An Inquiry.

If any of the brothers of No. 20 know the present whereabouts of Kid Lindsay, tell him that his father would like to hear from him; also that Sam Johnson, the "Terrible Swede" from Brooklyn, was in our city for a while and sends his regards to Billy and wife. Trusting that somebody who knows him will see this, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

G. A. LINDSAY,
Rec. Sec. Local 31.

Local Union No. 182.

Montreal, Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Allow me to congratulate the representatives at the convention on their wise action in returning you to office. I believe we have the right man in the right place, and had Local 182 been represented, their vote would also have been recorded in your favor, but unfortunately we could not see our way clear from a financial point of view, to have a delegate present at the convention, but look out for us in 1903.

I am very much pleased to see that Bro. Hurd, of Toronto, was elected to represent this district, as the V. P. who represented us in the past was conspicuous by his absence. There is only one point at present that I differ with Bro. Hurd on and that is his claim in the September Worker, that he was going to the convention as the representative of the largest local in

Canada, I question his right to this claim; I believe Local 182 is the banner local of Canada, and if we continue to grow for the next six months as we have in the past, we will not only be the largest local in Canada, but one of the largest in the I. B. E. W. Come on, Toronto, we will give you a run for your money and bet you two to one we beat you. Bro. Hurd, I hope you will be able to visit us in the very near future. Your services, or those of an organizer, are badly needed in the Eastern portion of Canada.

Is 93 defunct? If so, this is not as it should be.

What is the matter with 71? We wrote to them and also to 93 and received no reply, and we have not seen anything in the Worker from them. Whatever is the proper method to pursue on the part of our graded officer or organizer should be put into effect at once to re-organize these locals if they have dropped out, or re-enthuse them with the necessity of being thoroughly organized if they are only in a weakened condition.

In regard to the suggested amendments, we voted yes to every clause except that of making the initiation fee \$3.00 while charter is left open and then raising to \$10.00. Our reasons for voting no on this question are these: In the first place our general run of men are not paid a salary sufficiently large to pay any more than \$5 at the most, and until such time as we are in a position numerically to make a demand for a higher scale of wages, that it would be out of all reason for us to attempt to try and secure members at \$10. Some may say you don't need to try and secure them, that they will have to come to you eventually and pay the price no matter what it may be. I for one claim that under existing conditions this is not so; and that unless you have the price within the reach of all you will not get the membership, and that without the membership you cannot accomplish the objects for which we are banded together. I made a claim in Local 182 in the month of August that if we kept the initiation fee at the charter rate of \$1, that we could double our membership in three months and we have more than done that. The membership has increased in a man-

ner that surprised even the most ardent supporters of the low initiation fee. One night 18; others 12, 26, 24, 16, and so on, that is the rate of increase in our membership at low rates, and I will venture to say that if it had been double the price that we would have been unable to secure one-quarter the members that we have done. My claim is this, that it is better to keep the rate at \$1 in Montreal for 3 months longer so as to give every man a chance to become aware of the existence of a union, and again there are a great many men who have gone into unions organized here in the past and who would make good members, but they hesitate about again entering a union, as a burnt child dreads the fire. Again, if you would take it proportionately and get, say 10 members at \$5 each, this would bring us \$50; 10 men at 60 cents a month \$6, or a total at the end of the year for initiation fees and dues of \$122. Now take 50 members at \$1 each. This would bring \$50; 50 men at 60 cents a month \$30, or a total at the end of the year of \$410. Out of this, in the first instance, the general office would receive \$2 a member, and 20 cents per capita for a year's time, \$44, and the local \$78; where in the second case the G. O. would get \$1 a member and 20 cents per capita for a year's time, \$170, and the local \$240. Someone please show me where the shutting out of members by charging a high fee in a city, or I may say country, where the union is not recognized by the companies and contractors, and where it is optional with the man whether he wants to come in or not, is going to be beneficial to the union. I believe, when you are recognized, in putting the fee up high enough to make those who would not come in before the fight, pay the piper. More next time.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. ANDERSON,

Press Sec.

Local Union No. 185.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It was with great pleasure I read the communication in last month's Worker from Bro. O. J. Depp of Local 188, and learned their local had some shopmen

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among its members. That is exactly the information our local is looking for, to find out how many locals have shopmen in their ranks and in what cities they are located. We can then endeavor to interest the locals in all other cities in behalf of the shopmen and ask them to take them into their locals or organize them into separate unions where they are strong enough to warrant it. Local 185 is not only interested in organizing our own city but we want to see the armature winders throughout the country organized and have them take their place among the leading divisions of the I. B. E. W.

Pres. Gompers of the A. F. of L., says: "None will dispute that the trade unions represent the most moral and intelligent of the working class." If this is so, the armature winders must be lacking in intelligence, as they seem to be the slowest branch of the craft to embrace the opportunity to organize. However, I do not consider this the facts in the case, as I am sure the class of men engaged in that line of work would be a credit to the organization, and there are enough of them throughout the country to make a valuable addition to the membership. At the same time they are as much in need of united action as any branch of the craft, in order to raise their standard of wages and help support their fellow craftsmen in the struggle for the eight-hour day. How many of the armature winders are there in the United States that are receiving \$3.50 and \$4.00 for an 8-hour day, as the inside wiremen do in some localities? To my mind they are few and far between. The wiremen have secured these benefits by being thoroughly organized in those localities, and the shopmen can do likewise by uniting for the good of the craft.

The most important question occupying the attention of labor organizations to-day is the short-hour movement, which should be of great interest to all shopmen. The old prejudice against reducing the hours of labor as tending to reduce production has largely been outgrown. Production now tends to outrun the demand, and labor is so efficient that it is difficult to keep it fully employed. If we would avoid the evil of unemployed labor and its injurious effects, we must adopt the policy of shortening the

hours, that the blessings of constant employment may be shared by all the workers in our craft and more time left for us to spend in the pursuit of knowledge or recreation as we see fit. Most of the shopmen at the present time are employed 9½ and ten hours a day and they are letting many trades get ahead of them in this movement. I hope, however, that the locals will look into this matter and remember that all workers in the electrical business should be brothers in our organization, whether they are linemen, inside wiremen, cable-splitters or shopmen, and if you will lend us your assistance in bringing them in you will find the shopmen in the front rank of labor's great army, fighting for shorter hours and compensation that will be more in keeping with the nature of their work. Local 185 is getting along nicely so far and although work is not very rushing just at present all of the members are employed and expecting a rush of business after the first of the year.

Fraternally yours,

A. J. LAIDLAW.

Local Union No. 195.

Marietta, O., Dec. 9, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

So as to have one last letter in our grand and noble paper before the expiration of this eventful year in the life of unionism, will endeavor to relate in a few brief lines the doings of an infant local.

To commence with I want to say that our membership is gradually increasing, and hardly a meeting goes by without one to three brave lads trying their fortunes with the goat. I tell you "Old Bill" is getting rather accustomed to his usual Thursday night romp and can hit the mark every time. From all indications he will soon help three more over the home plate.

We had nomination of officers at our meeting last Thursday night and think there will be some nice work done among the candidates.

These brothers have deposited their cards, Fern Shaw and Chas. White. Bro. Howard Marsh of Pittsburg was a welcome visitor to our lodge and was extremely well pleased with the way we handle candidates.

There's not much doing in the con-

struction line in either company here at present. We expect before long the C. S. & P. will do a little rebuilding.

Guess I've told our little news for this time. Wishing you and all a very merry Xmas and happy New Year from 195.

C. R. BAKER,

P. S.

LATE LOCALS

Local Union No. 8.

Toledo, O., Dec. 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, boys! you did not get any news from No. 8 last month and will not get much now, but what there is is good. About the most important business transacted was the securing of the following agreement, the committee consisting of Bros. Boley, Bunch, Billingslea, Matthews and Campbell:

Articles of agreement entered into this 18th day of November, 1901:

By and between the Central Construction Company, of the first part, and Local Union No. 8, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of America, of Toledo, O., party of the second part.

Witnesseth—Whereas, practically all of the electrical linemen employed by the Central Construction Co. at Toledo, O., are union men, and

Whereas, The Central Construction Co. is now constructing a telephone plant at Toledo, O., and

Whereas, It is to the mutual advantage of both of the parties to this agreement to arrive at a fair and satisfactory basis of pay, and rules and hours of work, now,

Therefore, the said parties hereto, in consideration of the premises and other considerations, do hereby agree as follows:

First—The Central Construction Co. agrees to employ only union men on its telephone work at Toledo, O. In case Local Union No. 8, second party hereto, cannot furnish said construction company with sufficient union men after five days' notice, then Central Construction Co. shall have the privilege of employing such other linemen as is necessary. It is understood that when it is necessary to lay off

men, non-union men are to be laid off first.

Second—The rate of wages for first-class linemen shall be \$2.50 per day, and for second-class linemen \$2.25 per day. The general foreman shall be the judge as to who are first and who are second-class linemen, except as hereinafter provided.

Third—All employees of first party covered by this agreement shall work nine hours a day, the men reporting at the store-room in the morning and going to work on first party's time, and quitting work in the evening on their own time.

Fourth—The Central Construction Co., first party hereto, shall, where it is possible, furnish the men covered by this agreement with second party thereto, with teams for the purpose of taking employees to dinner and returning them to work; it being understood that during the one hour or such other time as men may take for dinner at noon, the said teams shall be at the service of the employees. It being further understood that where it is impracticable to furnish a team, or where the employees are working beyond a reasonable distance from the store-room or center of the city, then it shall not be obligatory for said Central Construction Co. to furnish a team.

Fifth—The said Central Construction Co., first party hereto, shall pay time and a half for all overtime, it being understood that Sunday shall be considered the same as overtime. On legal holidays, if the Central Construction Co. demand that its employees work and a portion of them work, said construction company shall pay time and a half for such work; but if all the employees or a certain majority of the employees prefer to work and work without being requested by said Central Construction Co., then said employees shall be paid the same as for other work. No employee of said Central Construction Co. shall be compelled to work on any holiday or Sunday unless by his own free will.

Sixth—All assistant foremen of said Central Construction Co. shall be paid at least \$2.75 per day straight time. All foremen and assistant foremen shall be more especially responsible to said Construction Co. and said Central Construction Co. shall have the right to discharge any foreman or assistant foreman for any reasonable cause.

Seventh—Said Central Construction Co.



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shall not exceed one second-class lineman for every two first-class linemen.

Eighth—It is understood that this agreement is to conform and the parties hereto are to conform to the constitution and by-laws of Local Union No. 8 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of America.

Ninth—The second party hereto shall appoint a committee of three (3), which committee, together with the Central Construction Company, shall construe this agreement in case of any disputes, and which committee, together with the Central Construction Company, shall have power and authority to take up matters of mutual interest, and also any differences which may from time to time occur between the parties to this agreement. In case said Central Construction Company and said committee appointed by second party shall not be able to agree upon construction of this agreement, or any other differences, then the same shall be left to

arbitration, each party hereto appointing one (1) arbitrator. In case said two (2) arbitrators cannot come to an agreement, then the two shall appoint a third arbitrator, and the decision of said arbitrators shall be final.

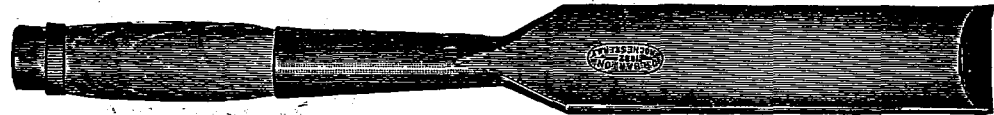
Tenth—This agreement shall extend for the term of one (1) year from date.

In witness whereof, said Central Construction Company has hereunto set its hand, and said second party has caused these presents to be signed by the officers of Local Union No. 8 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of America, of Toledo, Ohio, and has caused its seal to be hereto attached.

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(Signed) James E. Brailey, Supt.
W. L. Zahm, Witness.

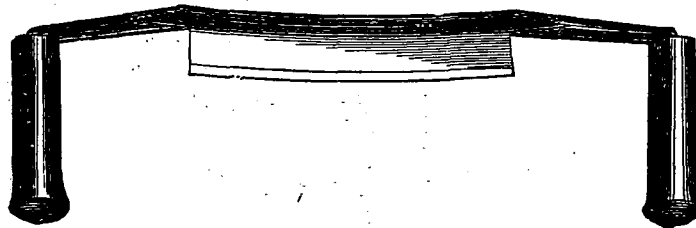
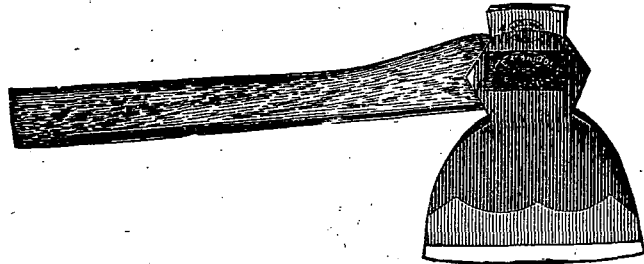
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Having already taken up enough space in our valuable journal, I am, with best wishes,

Yours,
JOS. A. W. BILLINGSLEA,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 9.

Chicago, Dec. 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the sun rises and dashes its splendor upon our brothers struggling against the combined telephone monopoly of Chicago, it awakens in our hearts patriotic thoughts, for within this territory is now centered the existence of our union traditions held sacred since the hour of their birth.

In response to our call for helping arms comes the sound of a united union in our course that would well bring a flush of pride to any human heart. As our brothers turn toward this hated region of conflict, the drawn faces determined to win or never return are not only plainly visible but present a scene that speaks louder than words.

Never in the history of our organization has the brotherhood rallied to the support of any cause as to this. All difficulties of the past seem to disappear as if by magic—the rule is not to sit idly by while our brothers require aid. Language fails when I try to tell the story—locals that will drain their treasury to sixty-two cents; locals hundreds of miles away that will levy an assessment of \$1 per week on its members for our cause, arouse a spark of life in our brotherhood that shall never die. Our own brothers of No. 9 who are working have for the last nine weeks paid an assessment of \$27 per man that our organization may strike on and that it shall forever remain till the tyrannical methods that forced our boys to go out shall be forever trampled into the dust.

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a freeze-out game, so it remains to see who can stand it the longest.

I would like the different locals to let No. 9 know of the whereabouts of one John J. Smith. He is about 5 ft. 9 in. in height, brown eyes and weighs about 160 lbs.; has a little grey hair and is about 46 years old.

Yours fraternally,
P. E. CULLINAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 25.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 10, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As press secretary, corresponding secretary, acting recording secretary, and member of committee I almost have my hands full. However, I can find time for a few lines in our beloved journal, the Worker.

There is an unusually good set of letters in the November number. Keep it up boys; it is the only means we have of keeping posted on the electrical workers' doings throughout the country.

The strike against the Central Union Tel. Co. in Terre Haute is still on and I regret to say I have never seen any mention in the columns of the Worker except in my own letters as P. S. This strike began June 7, 1901, and bids fair to be on until 2001. We may have company before long, judging from the clouded atmosphere.

Sometimes a brother is called away on short notice, and has no time to get a traveling card and writes for one, and if the F. S. happens to be slow in answering causes great inconvenience and sometimes unpleasant experiences. Just put yourself in his place and act accordingly.

We have changed our hall and now meet Thursday nights at the Central Labor Union hall. I wish to send my regards to Bros. Jack Reynolds and "Sunflower" Raerick of Local No. 132. I guess they haven't forgotten Kid Wright and say, Bro. Reynolds, has Dad Williams and Geo. Simpson, the Englishmen, joined your ranks yet?

I have already wasted valuable space, so will dead end.

Yours,
S. E. BOSTICK, P. S.

Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Proudly and gladly as the end of the year 1901 draws to a close, Local 39 can

proclaim herself at peace with all companies in Cleveland. Not only does she enjoy this peace, but apparently so do the companies, who have learned to respect the integrity, ability and manhood of her members. Such respect is appreciated more since the burst of our industrial boom six weeks ago, when the Cuyahoga Tel. Co. finished the great construction work it has been engaged in for the past two and a half years. This necessarily lost us some members, but not as many as might be expected in such an event, as the majority of those who did not wish to leave the town were readily placed in position with other companies, and to-day we are stronger proportionately despite the aggression in the past, and stronger morally than ever in the history of the local. We are proud of it because we are responsible for it, and feel indebted to no one save our members for it, for "by their works ye shall know them." Let us remember this, brothers, and not feel as if we were outdoing ourselves when but half done, and let us plant the banner of trades unionism in an honest, fearless and just manner, where it has never before been planted, and out of harm's way. Become proficient in your constitution, remember your obligation, or, in other words, know your own business and study it. There is no question to-day more seriously considered than the economic. Your union doctrine should be your hobby, but not foolishly so. Remember it is essential to your business, also to your pleasure, because where trades unions are lax and neglected you'll generally find the revenue for existence alone will hardly meet the demands of the wage-worker who toils ten or twelve hours a day to prevent some one from beating him out of his job. His pleasure becomes the mechanical one of satisfying the pleasure of his boss.

Another thing, brothers. If you are ignorant of your duties and obligations, don't contaminate the minds of the innocent and ignorant on the outside by your poisonous hearsays and tales. Furthermore, you are in duty bound to work for the interest and secure what properly belongs to your organization. Don't be so anxious to protect the teamsters, plumbers, etc. They are strong enough to protect themselves and

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readily resent any infringement respecting their duty. Last of all, remember there would be no friction if we all acted conscientiously and not selfishly, and minded our respective business. One matter that is greatly neglected, especially in the line-men's craft, is the helpers. Remember they are the coming men. It lays with us whether we will assist them and derive the benefit, or allow the companies to do it as in the past. Remember we are in a new age, an age of great industrial and electrical boom, and we should keep pace with the conditions that surround us. Educate your helpers to be men and your journeymen will be men. Of all the great philanthropists and benefactors who presented and provided libraries, none provided time for their workingmen to enjoy them. It's up to the workingmen to provide time for their own education, and take advantage of it.

Since our last letter we've had the satisfaction of reaching the point of negotiating for a settlement with an organization in this city which in a short time would be a strong competitor with ours, so I hope by the next letter we can report fifty or sixty new members to No. 39.

Now that the important part of the convention business is to be transacted, I hope the same harmony will prevail as characterized the closing days of that notable meeting.

No. 39 would like to hear of some of her old members through the Worker. They are heard from personally occasionally, but not generally. We're all one family and interested. The "Nine Spots" are arranging for a grand special meeting to entertain Gleason when he arrives with that load of ginseng from W. V., Xmas. We would be glad to have all our old ex-brothers with us on that day.

We initiated one candidate last meeting and have five applications to act upon next meeting. Arrangements are being made for our annual ball, to be held in the near future. 'Tis to eclipse all previous attempts, if such a thing be possible. Brothers will notice by the directory that we've had a change of officers to fill unexpired terms on account of members going to other parts. I would like to see some or all the delegates who attended the I. C. at

our ball. Now, I won't say we would attempt to entertain you as our brothers did in St. Louis, as that's an art mastered by St. Louis people alone, and either Bro. Buckley (S. L. Sy.) or the Irish Agitators (Hartung and Forks, Indianapolis) will be at their wits' end to eclipse the evident pleasure in tendering courtesy at our last I. C. Of course those brothers would have the advantage of us on account of the time limit, but I think Cleveland would have an advantage to offset that in pretty girls.

Bro. Nash of No. 70, your six-shooter would look bad in this country under a spike-tailed coat. A cordial invitation is extended all members to attend, and our neighboring locals are expected to accept and be strongly in evidence. No reason for neglecting the chance of a lifetime. Never to be forgotten. The number of ladies who have tendered their services shows a new increase in interest.

Work is not very brisk in the trade at present, but the demand for men in the near vicinity is good and has not been filled. Mr. Ruddell, of the Cuyahoga and U. S. Tel. Co. has been placing a great number of good men on telephone and electric railway construction, and might use more. Also Bro. Ryan, of Sharon, Pa. Any brother coming this way will have no trouble finding a brother, if not a job, if he is all right and up to date, but he must be square. No crooks go.

With success to the I. B. E. W., and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, from the members of No. 39, I remain, sincerely and gratefully,

Yours,
FRANK J. SULLIVAN,
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 80.

Berkley, Va., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I have been elected to fill an unexpired term as press secretary, I will now try to indite a few lines for the Worker.

No doubt some of the members of No. 80 who are on the road have changed their base of operations, so if they will take the time and trouble to drop me a card I will see that they get the Worker when it comes in.

We have acted on the amendments to

the constitution and sent in our vote. There was some things that in our judgment could have been improved by adding a little more to them. Principal among these was the amendment charging a graduated examining fee. Would it not have been better to have had it so a brother would have to pay only the difference in the fees. As it is a brother will have to pay an examination fee to every local he may wish to work under. Every brother here seems to have regular work; no complaint about having no work. The navy yard at Norfolk has called a number of men for use on the new lighting and bell systems being installed aboard the Cruiser San Francisco, but the boys have not responded to the call, as they used to, for the reason that they have regular work outside at \$2.50 per day, which, although not so much as they could receive in the yard by 30 cents per day, is more regular. This is one of the chief reasons why work in the navy yard costs so much money—they do not have work regular enough to justify a man quitting regular work at \$2.50 per day to take one at \$2.80 per day for a short time. The result is they do not answer the calls in nine out of ten cases and we have to do the best we can with such as will. Such for instance as electrical helpers and some as come in as second class men, not knowing enough to get out of their own way. The only remedy for this is regular work and that this is being tried for is evinced in a bill that was introduced in the Senate at the last session of Congress by the Hon. Fitz Gerald of New York, providing for some of the new ships to be built in the government yards instead of all of it being done by contract. It only missed passage by six votes. Surely it ought to pass this year as the different unions are getting close behind their senators and congressmen, urging them to use their influence and vote in favor of its passage. It is, therefore, the duty of every union in the United States to use all its influence to help pass this bill, thereby giving work to union men at the highest wages at eight hours per day; and it being regular the men would take pride in becoming efficient.

New agreements will be presented to the contractors the first of the year for

acceptance and would go into effect the first of July; that being in accordance with the present agreements, but I can safely say it will not be in the new ones.

The boys with the Southern States Tel. Co. had their pay advanced to \$2.50 per day and did it without a committee from the union at that. That is the way to do business. Do not be afraid to stand up for what belongs to you. Make men of yourselves and then let everyone know in a respectful way that you are not afraid to look out for your interest. Do your work as men and when you know an injustice is being done you, go squarely to your employer and state your case in a business-like and gentlemanly manner and if he does not do you justice be men enough to quit him then and there. There are men I know in the union who would forsake the union in a minute if the boss said so. I must say that I would rather be a sheep-killing dog than a man of this kind for a man of this kind is not so brave as a sheep-killing dog. There are others who seem to pass their whole life away in laughing and talking over some foolishness that is neither good for them or anyone else. They even take it to the meetings with them and disturb those who go there to accomplish some good. I hope these fellows will take timely warning and instruct themselves in the art of behaving themselves with decency when in a meeting.

Bro. Carlisle Stevens has a class in electricity at the Y. M. C. A. this winter which would benefit anyone wishing instruction in elementary branches of the electrical business.

Bro. A. L. Winn was a welcome visitor at a meeting recently.

Bro. Kid Winn was welcomed to our fold again last Tuesday night.

Hoping this will be in time I will close, with best wishes to all the locals.

C. W. BREEDLOVE.

Local Union No. 84.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my last letter, I will try and clear up all the trouble behind so the next man can start anew and fresh on the new year.

Xmas is coming soon and I hope the

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boys are saving up all the money they can, for you know they must buy presents for their family to keep the old custom from running down. I wish you all, brothers, a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and come back on the first day of the year. You know the old custom—if you work the first day of the year you will have work all the year.

I have a correction to make. In last month's Worker one of our brothers wrote from Austell in the notice column about P. W. McDowell. This young man is a member of No. 84 and an all right man. I think it is only a mistake on the part of Mr. Bevels that this letter was published. I hope you will make this correction, for this young man is all right.

We have had one of the blackest deeds done us by a man who was supposed to be a good union man. This man is from Lillard, is about 27 or 28 years of age, about 5 feet high, weighing between 140 and 150, and as big a two-tongued thief and liar as ever went over the pike. We hear that he is in Birmingham scabbing for Ford, Bacon & Davis. This man, through his educational qualities, was elected recording secretary. One night the financial secretary was out of the lodge room and \$30.25 was given this man to be sent to the grand lodge for per capita tax, but he never sent it. He first said he sent it by express, but when we found this to be a lie he said he sent it by mail and the letter got lost. We appointed five members of good standing to try him. They found him guilty, but gave him 30 days to find the letter. This of course he did. We have expelled him from this local and want everybody to give him a kick. Another black deed was done by this rogue. We turned over to him \$12.50, donated to the striking girl operators of Texas, which we have never heard from. If such money was received in Texas, I would like to ask the Texas local receiving it, to write the recording secretary of 84, and let him know, for if they did not receive it, we want to deal with him by law. Before we let him off easy, only making him pay the cost and the \$30.25, but if we can prove this on him we want to chaingang him for every minute possible.

Old 84 is getting along fine; all trying

to see which can do the most, except for a few backsliders, who won't pay up their dues, and they say the lodge has never done them any good, which of course is a lie or mistake. I speak from experience. Three years ago in Atlanta the best linemen only got from \$1.50 to \$2.00, the foremen \$2.00, and now the best linemen get from \$2.50 to \$2.75 and the foremen \$3.00. If that is not doing good I would like to have a better definition of the word. I think that those who made that remark better come back and pay up and ever afterward be true union men, acknowledge that you have misrepresented the union, and not talk one way before the superintendent of the works and another before the boys. We had just such an experience a few months ago. We had a little trouble with one of our companies and the superintendent was out trying to talk us back, and one of the hardest kickers got up and said that he was going back to work, it made no difference what the local said. This man got up the same night in the lodge room and made an apology, but he didn't let the superintendent hear him. I won't mention any name, for we really didn't do what we ought to have done, but I will advise him and all others of that kind not to do it, for though you may get yourself a good job, you will probably cause another brother to lose his job who thinks too much of his obligations to break them in any such manner.

I will say Good By, as my term expires the first of the year (unless re-elected). but I expect I will be away from the city a part of the year and I believe in permanent officers in a lodge, as I am a member of other secret lodges, and have been a member of 84 since it was organized. If I never get to hear from you personally, I will remain, forever your brother

JOE ALLEN
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 112.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose everyone is anxious to hear how No. 112 is getting along. Unfortunately for her she has not had a letter in the Worker for two months. I will state that we are getting along finely now; the

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local is in a good, healthy condition, for I heard the roll call read last meeting night, but sorry to say you don't see many of the fixers up in the hall. Hold on, just a minute, on that subject. Now, look here, brothers, that isn't right. We all ought to cast off all other business and pleasure on that night to go to meetings, for it is all for our welfare. What is the use of having a local if we don't go to the meetings. And I have often heard the remark, "Well, I ain't going up to the meeting to-night, for there is a certain class that is trying to run the union." That isn't it; don't stay away, brothers, on that account. If that is the case, go up, and have your say; and if you all go up regularly I bet there will be no chance for a certain class to run the meetings.

I guess every local is anxious to know how the strike came out with No. 112. Well, we got everything we asked for except one, straight time; the foremen got it, but the straws and linemen did not. The request of the linemen was submitted in writing to Superintendent of Construction Polk and was signed by the following committee representing the union: T. A. Sales, chairman; H. W. Braun and H. W. Dodge. The application embraced the following requests: First, a nine-hour day; second, all gang foremen to receive \$3 a day; assistants, \$2.75 a day; third, journey-men linemen to receive \$2.50 a day; fourth, time and a half for all overtime; double time for Sundays and legal holidays. We were out ten days when a gentleman by the name of W. F. Palmer was sent here to try and fix things up between the company and ourselves, and he did. I think he is an all right scout, for he is here now pushing a gang, and you had better have your green goods with you to walk wood for him, although he does not belong at the present, for I understand he had a job that the local could not let him have a card. Man of Chicago and other parts, and he will be an honorary member of 112.

I have a little to say concerning the strike. I don't think it was called for at all, and if we had given the company a little time things would have been different, as they intended to make a change. I think if some of the grand officers had dropped in here at the time we would have

got our callings right and been lucky if they did not take our charter away. As I will explain, we did not do a thing constitutionally. We had a meeting one night and went out on strike the next day, with not enough money in the treasury to buy myself a square meal after riding a few miles on the running gear of a freight car on the P. & W. Ry. from Akron to Youngstown. And another thing, there were a lot of soreheads, if I must call them so, because a Mr. Tomas was sent here from the North by the company to take a Mr. Ed. Hoyle's place. I don't, or I can't see, as I have talked with a lot of the brothers about Mr. Tomas, that they held the grievance against. He has been a good union man and has always had a card up to date to the time he held the assistant superintendent's place, and I take notice every man has a card or gets one very soon after he works a few days. He is a man, if you treat him right and do the work he asks of you. If you can't do your bit, look out. You bet all the wood-walkers here can do their little bit and are getting \$3 a day, and I understand if he isn't a lineman he travels down the pike, for a cheap man can't do good work.

We have some linemen here who were born here who are just as good as those who have been from coast to coast, and would be an honor to any local.

A lot of good fixers have left here for other parts and undoubtedly a lot more will go if it gets any colder. I know their route; south. Good luck to you, fellows. New Orleans is good to hang out in if Tommy Aspinwall is running a restaurant. It would do my heart good to see all the companies in the city one price, but now the self-styled linemen get from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. We also have the dark wood-walkers here, and that thing worse than the negro, the scab.

We now have one of the largest strikes on in the history of the I. B. E. W., No. 9 of Chicago. If we lose this it will be a severe blow. Stick fast, boys. If funds are short I would be in favor of levying an assessment of \$1 on each member, to help the cause along.

Bro. John Bowman, come back here when you get hungry, or frozen out, up in the land of the snow. All of the boys wish you

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good luck. Bros. Durkee and King are still on the sick list. Bro. Brennan had a fall of about 30 feet. He is improving nicely. How are all you snow diggers, such as Bros. Mighell, Cooley, Mayne, McClellan, Slater, Shayne and Farnley?

Bro. T. Whittle, Bro. T. C. Hart, would like to hear from you. His address is Whitehall Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

Our president has quit line work on account of his health and intends taking out a withdrawal card. There is not much chance for linemen here at present for we have not started to string wires or cable, the Cumberland is, however, doing a lot of work. Yours fraternally,

THE BUM,
Press Sec.

P. S. The story going the rounds that Wm. Rugells, of No. 14, came here to Louisville, took a married man's job and then scabbed it, during the strike, is not true. He took out a new gang. If all brothers were made of the kind of timber he is, and he has a brother just like him, union men to the bottom of their hearts, they would be strictly up to date.

T. DURKEE,
H. W. BROWN,
F. W. DODGE,
Committee.

Local Union No. 138.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been some time since Local Union No. 138 has had a regular P. S., and at a meeting in November I had the honor of being appointed to that office, a position I do not feel capable of doing justice to. I shall, however, endeavor to do the best I can.

Work is not very flourishing, although most of our members are at work, with fair prospects for some time to come. The inside wiremen are now getting in a position to overcome the deplorable condition that competition among ourselves has placed us in, and has never failed to rob the toiling masses of their just remuneration.

There is no reason why Local 138 cannot become one of the most progressive locals in Indiana. While I have no expectation of seeing our local as strong in numbers as

some of the larger cities, we can hope to pass many of them on per cent. organized in proportion to numbers employed, and at our late rate of increase I am satisfied it will be but a short time until we are very close to the top of the list. I hope all the P. S.'s find as much pleasure in writing for their union as I do, to let the other brothers know how we are standing, and especially those who have friends in the local and may feel interested in them as well as the union. I have not much news of interest. We are in hopes of better and more interesting meetings now, as winter is at hand and our attendance is better. We had about the best attendance last meeting night we have had for some time, when we adopted a resolution that we should place a fine of \$1.00 upon each member caught dealing with Miss Flick, the florist who is on the unfair list, of which we have a few here.

By the way, since our last letter to the Worker, Bro. Dan Mullen has taken unto himself a wife, and the boys all wish him a happy and prosperous future. We are beginning to think more of our bachelors will surprise us by going into the matrimonial order by the way they have been purchasing spoons of late.

I guess I have taken up enough of your time and space, so will close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

ALL UMBER.

P. S.—The appended clipping is self-explanatory:

A PLEASANT SMOKER.

The members of the electrical workers' union proved last night that they are the masters of the art of entertaining, although the smoker they gave at their hall was their first attempt. No smoker ever went off as smoothly; no smoker was ever so thoroughly enjoyed. That was the opinion of all that were so fortunate as to be invited. Speeches, toasts and music were furnished and refreshments were not lacking. Councilman Zurbuch called during the evening and expressed his loyalty to unions in general. Mr. Cook, of the cigar-makers' union, and Dan House, of the plumbers' union, were present and were called on for speeches. M. H. Larimar

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spoke in a manner that won the applause of all present. Harry Winland acted as toastmaster and, although he said it was his first attempt, he filled his position to a queen's taste. The affair was so much of a success that the union will be urged to try it again.

Local Union No. 140.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This is my first attempt at writing to the Worker, so I hope you will excuse the numerous mistakes which you will no doubt find. Our local has only been installed four months, but during that time I think we have had more than our share of trouble. We were all beginners in the ranks of organized labor, had no old hands to post us, so we had to go principally by guess. On our first election of officers we were unlucky in our choice of financial and recording secretaries. They, through not understanding their duties or through carelessness, allowed our affairs to get in such a state that we were nearly suspended for non-payment of per capita tax. Upon being notified by the G. S. of our state we promptly made a change of secretaries, and we now think we have the right men in the right place. However, upon the new officers taking hold they found the financial affairs so mixed up that it was almost impossible to straighten them out. After much labor they succeeded so far that we have been able to send in to the G. S. enough cash to make us straight on the books, and I think in the future we will be able to keep ahead of the game. We now have nearly all of the inside men and a few of the Illuminating Co.'s linemen with us, as well as a few telephone men.

There is a new telephone company starting here in opposition to the Bell Co. The new job is a union job and will probably start in with a good gang in the spring. They have been busy setting poles for some time, but the ground is now froze up and they will probably quit until spring. This is a good town for work, and an organizer could make it a good union town for our trade.

As this letter is an experiment with me, I think I will cut off and wait until I see

how it is received. With good wishes for all the brothers, I am,

Yours fraternally,

W. IRE, P. S.

Local Union No. 146.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 7, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is again time for No. 146 to be heard from and will endeavor to give all the news of our doings in this city relative to our craft. All are busy. The Light put on a few men that came into town, and the Postal one.

I am glad to state that our last meeting was slightly better attended but not as well as it should be.

Bro. Billy McCabe, formerly of No. 37, Hartford, and who since leaving that city held a position as foreman for the Elmira Illuminating Co., Elmira, N. Y., is now with us and working for the S. N. E. Tel. Co. Great credit is due him for the good work he did in organizing No. 139. He is strictly union as a great many of the members of No. 37 know, and I guess the Hartford Light have not forgotten him either.

Our old time friend, Bro. J. P. Maloney, is back with us again.

I must not forget our Smoker, which took place last Friday, on regular meeting night. All were invited, non-union as well as union Electrical Workers, and it turned out a complete success and we have no doubt it will be the means of gathering in a few who have not already joined our ranks. Thanks to the committee appointed to arrange the refreshment part of the business. They certainly did their duty for the spread they secured for us was more than the hungriest of hoboes could have eaten or drank in three months. The leading features of the entertainment were the singing of Bro. Sam. Cameron (Scotty), who possesses a fine voice, also some comic songs from Bro. Geo. Matthews (Box car George) who caused much merriment in the droll way they were rendered, and a speech by Jas. Kilpatrick, our well-known electrical contractor, who employs none but union men. Bro. Beirnes, Henry Demme and Billy McCabe also gave us some good speeches, right to the point. Our president, Ed. Mahoney, was present and made himself conspicuous by his good

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nature and attending to the wants of every one. The entertainment finished up at 1 a. m., and all went home thoroughly satisfied with the evening's success. Wishing good luck to all, I remain,

Fraternally,

EDWARD E. PIERCE,
Press Sec. pro tem.

Local Union No. 158.

Temple Tex, Dec. 3, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As it is time to have a word to say for No. 158, it is up to me. The brothers are beginning to come south now and we meet many of them here. Bro. Monaghan of No. 17 deposited his card with us and is now wood-walking for the Independent Telephone Co. Bro. Crinckle of No. 183 is also working here.

Bro. floaters, we appreciate very highly the kind opinion you all express of us when we meet and hope always to be found worthy of our obligation; we have no gold mine, but it is a certain fact that no worthy man ever goes by here hungry if he makes his presence known.

No. 158 has cast her vote for Indianapolis for the next convention, thinking it more centrally located, but to Salt Lake would be a great trip for many of us who have never been West.

Twenty-four able-bodied, pleasant linemen at one time is a sight seldom seen in this little city, but such was the fact on the evening of Nov. 30th. We met from all over by chance. The town has now employed about twelve or fifteen linemen. Of course this is not for long, but it looks good for us.

We want to send the Worker a group picture of our local, containing the likenesses of five of the most loyal little ladies in the land, and want you brothers to study their faces well, but do not come down to claim any of them as they are all spoken for.

Bro. Lott of No. 24 spent a couple of days with us and took a traveling card out with him.

Wishing all locals success, I am,

Fraternally,

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Local Union No. 163.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 5, 1901.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I hope some of the brothers well versed on the questions I asked last month will give us the information we asked for. As I said before, I consider these questions to be the foundation of our success. I will ask again the same questions, so that you can see that we are in earnest in our desire to be enlightened on these subjects, and we pray some brothers will interest themselves in us and the cause sufficient to consider the following:

1st. What is the practical definition of the word union?

2d. What bearing has the union toward elevating the trade without a practical apprenticeship system?

3d. Is it generally practical to keep in touch with officials of companies and individual employers the general practical workings of our union, such as would benefit both employer and employee?

4th. I would like some local which has a practical apprenticeship system to give a few points to help us in ours.

I would like to express my appreciation of our valuable Worker by letting the brothers of the different locals know what good I receive from these letters. I will just quote a few, so that they will be encouraged thereby in knowing that one of their fellow-workers looks forward for the Worker each month. The following you will find in November Worker:

1st. School of Electrical Instruction. Local No. 114 on page 44.

2d. School of Electrical Instruction. Bro. Hurd advocates a school of instruction in our electrical work, which I think should be adopted by all locals. From Local No. 120 on page 48.

3d. Talk on Strikes. Local No. 121, page 49. I think everyone should carefully read the letter from Local 121, and I'm sure he will be benefited by it.

4th. Bro. A. C. Hancock, of Local No.



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156, of Fort Worth, Tex., tells us his trouble in getting his card from his secretary, and asks the question, How can we be guaranteed reliable secretaries to do our business? I give my view of that all-pervading trouble, by making it a financial benefit to be a secretary, by exonerating him from all dues and allowing him full benefits, and keeping the same secretary all the time; in fact, allowing the financial secretary and treasurer the same privileges. They then become so well acquainted with their duties that it is no trouble to do all that is required of them. This is my personal idea of getting over that trouble. Make anything a money benefit and you strike the heart strings every time, whether deserving or not, but I do think that the two secretaries and treasurer should receive all that can be allowed them, for oftentimes when we are sound asleep they are poring over our accounts or doing our business for us and losing sleep and time without proper compensation for their faithfulness.

I could write all night on subjects presented by our press secretaries that we all can think of and profit by, only I'm afraid our worthy editor would refuse me the space, so I will try and give out a little news of us fellows of the coal banks through the beautiful Wyoming valley, where the water flows along the snow-covered banks of our majestic Susquehanna river, just as it did when our forefathers fought to defend their loved ones from the relentless redskins and laid down their lives in the horrible battle of Wyoming. We are fighting somewhat the same battles to do right and right wrongs as we find them in our electrical work and in our locals. So, brothers of 163, let's take for our watchword "Do unto other brothers as we would that they do unto us."

I scratched up a few notes, so here goes.

Bro. Love Lynch returned home on Nov. 20th from Phila. and we were glad to see him, and no doubt his apprentice at home gave three cheers and a tiger for Dad.

Bro. J. W. Sweeney has left us for new fields and headed for Erie, Pa., with the right card. Bro. Mike McGeritty of 81 is still in Phila. at last report.

Bro. Max Hummell got his piece of paste-board with a good stamp upon it and left for Reading.

We have a brother who would like to hear from G. A. R. of Local 14; he says it is all right, only he would like to hear. He says you understand.

I would like to see No. 9 win out with all asked for. Brothers, we are watching you; what you gain we all gain.

No. 163 is going to have its first smoker the first Monday in January. Our new officers will then take their seats. After it is all over I'll break the news gently, so you won't all be overcome with envy. It will be a hot one if Bro. Hughes can hold out

with Bro. Ray. We have ordered an extra pair of gloves. I remain,

Yours respectfully,
WILLARD F. BARBER, P. S.

Over the Border.

City of Mexico, Mex.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I waited a long time for the Worker in this land and am glad to see our G. S. has been re-elected. He deserved it for his past record. Am also glad to hear that the convention voted No. 9 money to carry on their strike as we all know, when they win, we all win.

Bro. Keller I am glad to hear that 21 is getting \$3 per day. A light fixer cannot get too much on this earth.

Well, Danny Ellsworth, come again with your nice long letter. No. 17 should be proud to have such a press secretary.

Why don't T. McCarty write once in a while from No. 133. I see No. 136 has one of the brightest boys in the state of Alabama at the head of the local. That's right George; keep up the good work.

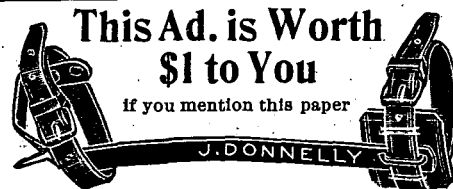
I had the pleasure of attending a meeting at San Antonio and was not surprised after seeing the brothers and sisters of No. 60 who put up such a game fight against the Southwestern Telephone Co.

My ambition in coming down here was to organize this republic, but they tell me they do not allow labor organizations or anarchists in this country. So Bro. Caldwell, you see what I have to contend with.

I see Bro. McIntyre wanted a salve to cure scabs. I have a few receipts, the best of which is a Spanish receipt I got since I have been down here, and that is eighty feet of saga and don't tie your dog loose after using.

Before I close I send my friends an invitation to take Christmas dinner with me at 131 Calle De Very Cruz, City of Mexico. I certainly expect Crockett, Collins, Caldwell and Fast, the cable splicer.

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|Cranemen. ¶Cable Splicers. °Switchboard Men.
"Automobile Operators. ?Shopmen.

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†No. 5, Pittsburg, Pa.—Meets every Friday at Electrical Workers' Hall, 404 Smithfield st. Pres., Chas. Camp, 65 Irwin ave.; R. S., J. S. Haskins, 404 Smithfield st.; F. S., A. Bovard, 404 Smithfield st.

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***No. 8, Toledo, O.**—Meets every Monday at Friendship Hall, cor. Jefferson and Summit sts. Pres., J. J. Duck, Oneida st.; R. S., J. J. Duck, 815 Oneida st.; F. S., L. J. Paratschek, 224 Park st.

†No. 9, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Saturday at 83 Madison st., Hall 6. Pres., W. A. Jackson, Eng. Co.'s 16 31st and Dearborn sts.; R. S., Jas. L. Collins, 5907 La Salle st.; F. S., P. E. Cullinan, 1061 W. Adams st.

***No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind.**—Meets every Monday Morrison Hall, better known as Old Iron Hall, on the Circle. Pres., John Berry, Fire Dept. headquarters; R. S., Guy C. Brown, 2508 N. Capital ave.; F. S. Will F. Clarke, 19 South West st.

***No. 11, Waterbury, Ct.**—Every Friday in Eng. Hall, G. A. R. Block, 43 East Main st., Room 10. Pres., John H. Sweeney, 10 Third st.; R. S., W. K. Eldridge, 208 S. Elm st.; F. S., P. J. Horgan, New st. and Johnson ave.

***No. 12, Pueblo, Colo.**—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in German Hall, South Union Ave. Pres., F. Ebenhack; R. S., J. W. White, 414 West 17th st.; F. S., E. O. Ringer, 20 Block Q.

***No. 13, El Paso, Tex.**—Every Monday in Phoenix Hotel, cor. Santa Fe and Overland sts. Pres., C. N. Taylor, P. O. Box 839; R. S., E. Porch, P. O. Box 620; F. S., C. Potter, 414 Mesa ave.

†No. 14, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets every Monday in Elec. Workers' Hall, 404 Smithfield st. Pres., C. A. Elmore, 52 Washington st.; R. S., C. E. Burleigh, 11 Sampson st., Allegheny; F. S., R. E. Collier, 54 Eureka st.

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***No. 15, Jersey City, N. J.**—Every Monday in Fehren's Hall, 168 Beacon ave.; J. C. Hgts. Pres., E. Arrington, 653 Henderson st.; R. S., A. Wilson, 1218 Park ave.; Hoboken, N. J.; F. S., John Bartley, 325 Pavonia ave.

***No. 16, Evansville, Ind.**—1st and 3d Mondays in Painters' Hall, 4th and Main sts. Pres., E. T. Mitchell, 608 Up 8th st.; R. S., E. E. Hoskinson, 700 Division st.; F. S., H. Fisher, 13 Harriett st.

***No. 17, Detroit, Mich.**—Meets every Monday night at 32 Monroe ave. Pres., G. D. Lundy, 86 Elizabeth st. W.; R. S., Wm. Tracy, 287 Third st.; F. S., J. H. Wood, 292 Brooklyn ave.

***No. 18, Kansas City, Mo.**—Meets every Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at Labor Headquarters, 9th and Central streets. Pres., J. T. Byers, 2901 Summit st.; R. S., G. W. Jones, 1302 Washington st.; F. S., E. H. Heath, 1701 W. 40th st.

***No. 19, Atchison, Kan.**—Meets every Tuesday at Electrical Workers Hall, 710 Main st. Pres., F. J. Roth, Atchison, Kan.; R. S., Hugo Walters, Atchison, Kan.; F. S., Ed. Wentworth, Jr.

***No. 20, New York City.**—Meets every Tuesday night in Military Hall, 193 Bowery. Pres., Chas. O. Gerhart, 149 Lawrence st.; R. S., W. F. Cooney, 224 Duffield st., Brooklyn; F. S., W. C. Dougherty, 121 Willoughby st., Brooklyn.

***No. 21, Philadelphia, Pa.**—Meets every Friday in Elks' Hall, 232 N. 9th st. Pres., C. Cavanaugh, 1320 Vine st.; R. S., C. Thompson, 1302 Somerset st.; F. S., C. A. Brelsford, 2345 S. Bancroft st.

***No. 22, Omaha, Neb.**—Meets every Wednesday at Labor Temple, 17th & Douglas sts. Pres., H. S. Rubardt, 721 N. 16th st.; R. S., L. G. Lowery, 2514 Cass st.; F. S., H. W. Ashmusen, 3620 Dodge st.

***No. 23, St. Paul, Minn.**—1st and 3d Mondays, Assembly hall, 3d and Wabasha. Pres., W. B. Tubbesing, 447 W. Central ave.; R. S., H. Tubbesing, 447 W. Central ave.; F. S., C. P. Donnellan, 14 W. 4th st.

***No. 24, Minneapolis, Minn.**—Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays at Alexander's Hall, 38 So. 6th st. Pres., W. G. Barnes; R. S., Geo. P. Holferd, 1510 32d st. So.; F. S., J. J. Reynolds, 2316 Fourth ave S.

***No. 25, Terre Haute, Ind.**—Meets every Wednesday night at Washington Hall, 8th and Main sts. Pres., Edw. Haite; R. S., Frank Morgan, 662 Oak st.; F. S., Lee Dickerson, 509 So. 9th st.

***No. 26, Washington, D. C.**—Meets every Tuesday in K. of P. Hall, 7th and D st. N. W. Pres., John H. Heffacker, 1007 N. Car. ave. S. E.; R. S., Art Langprey, 200 E st. N. W.; F. S., George A. Malone, 48 L. st. N. W.

***No. 27, Baltimore, Md.**—Meets every Monday at Border State Bank Bldg, Park av and Fayette st. Pres., Louis M. Barnes, 757 Saratoga st.; R. S., Geo. W. Newcomb, Harvard av, Govanstown, Md.; F. S., J. A. Connelly, 1728 N. Bond st.

***No. 28, Baltimore, Md.**—Meets every Thursday at Building Trades Hall, 6 South Gay st. Pres., William M. Reese, 2824 Parkwood ave.; R. S., John P. Jones, 1520 N. Mount st.; F. S., W. W. Davis, 620 W. Monroe st.

***No. 29, Trenton, N. J.**—Meets every Tuesday evening at Ribson Bldg., cor. Front and Broad sts., 4th floor, take elevator. Pres., Geo. Proffatt, 352 Brunswick st.; R. S., F. W. N. Sinkham, 12 Bank st.; F. S., C. Constanger.

***No. 30, Cincinnati, O.**—Meets every Wednesday in Jackson Hall, S. E. cor. 12th and Jackson sts. Pres., M. Perry; F. S., John H. Berkley, 20 E. 8th st., Newport, Ky.

***No. 31, Duluth, Minn.**—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays at Gaberlson's Hall, 21 E. Superior st. Pres., Wm. W. Dalcom, Northern Elec. Co.; R. S., G. A. Lindsay, 16 7th av. W.; F. S., M. A. Hibbard, 1020 E. 4th st.

***No. 32, Lima, O.**—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Donze Hall, South Main st. Pres., C. H. Lee, 229 N. Union st.; R. S., W. C. Holmes, 110 Harrison ave.; F. S., Ed. Krause, 706 N. Main st.

***No. 33, New Castle, Pa.**—Meets every Wednesday on Washington st. Pres., C. A. Severance, 20 Spruce st. Pa.; R. S., Geo. Stephen, North st.; F. S., John McCaskey, 19 S. Pine st.

***No. 34, Peoria, Ill.**—Meets 2d and 4th Mondays in Myer's Hall, 1313 South Adams st. Pres., J. W. Conger, 319 New st.; R. S., J. H. Brown, C. U. Tel. Co.; F. S., H. W. Durn, 41 Liberty st.

***No. 35, Massillon, Ohio.**—2d and 4th Mondays in Trades Assembly Hall S. Erie and Tremont sts. Pres., John Arnold, 10 Euclid st.; R. S., H. L. Vogt, 193 Welman st.; F. S., A. Sharb, 382 West Tremont st.

***No. 36, Sacramento, Cal.**—Every Wednesday in Federated Trades Hall, 1013 19th st. Pres., F. A. Holden, 915 19th st.; R. S., A. J. Francis, 711 H st.; F. S., L. O. Johnson, 1518 5th st.

***No. 37, Hartford, Conn.**—Meets every Friday at Central Labor Union Hall, 747 Main st. Pres., F. J. Sheehan, 86 North st.; New Britain, Conn.; R. S., M. Collins; F. S., J. J. Tracy, 58 Temple st.

***No. 38, Cleveland, O.**—Meets every Tuesday in N. A. S. E. Hall, 199 Superior, 3d floor. Pres., F. G. Sloop, 103 N. Perry st.; R. S., W. F. Runyan, 12 Eastdale st.; F. S., Frank Estinghausen, 5 Superior pl.

***No. 39, Cleveland, O.**—Every Thursday in Arch Hall, 393 Ontario st. Pres., F. J. Sullivan, 90 Woodbine st.; R. S., E. F. Parks, 51 Rockwell st.; F. S., A. F. Cooley, 57 Tracy st.

***No. 40, St. Joseph, Mo.**—Meets 2d and 4th Thursdays in Seyfried's Hall, 8 Charles st. Pres., J. C. Schneider, 808 S. 5th st.; R. S., Wm. Dorsel, 1710 Calhoun st.; F. S., Chas. B. Ellis, 734 S. 4th st.

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***No. 42, Utica, N. Y.**—1st and 3rd Fridays in Labor temple, 18 Hotel st. Pres., J. N. Norrington, 207 Mary st.; R. S., L. D. Lacey, 124 Mary st.; F. S., F. E. Brigham, 44 Howard ave.

***No. 43, Syracuse, N. Y., Inside Wiremen.**—Meet in Myers Hall cor. Montgomery and East Genesee sts., second and fourth Fridays. Pres., John Kerwin, 608 Otisco st.; R. S., W. M. Silliman, 119 Malcolm st.; F. S., Ralph English, 118 Lincoln av.

***No. 44, Rochester, N. Y.**—1st and 3d Wednesdays in Odd Fellows' Hall, 90 State st. Pres., Ed. Marion, 59 Stone st.; R. S., M. Warner, 18 Ford st.; F. S., Wm. Carroll, 457 State st., Room 14.

***No. 45, Buffalo, N. Y.**—2d and 4th Saturdays in Orient Hall, 13 1/2 Swan st. Pres., J. Williams, 881 Washington st.; R. S., A. J. Mors, 401 Bristol st.; F. S., Martin Scanlon, 797 So. Division st.

***No. 46, Lowell, Mass.**—Meets every Thursday evening in Engineers' Hall, Wyman's Ex. Bldg., Central and Merrimac sts. Pres., Geo. W. Conant; R. S., Geo. C. Smith, care Tucker & Parker, Middle st.; F. S., J. H. Hight.

***No. 47, Sioux City, Ia.**—Pres., Leon W. Tyler, 305 West 5th st.; R. S., C. A. Biggs, 1623 Omaha st.; F. S., A. L. Shortley, 1606 East 4th st.

***No. 48, Richmond, Va.**—Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays in Thon's Hall, 17th and Main sts. Pres., Douglas Eaton, 804 N. 26th st.; R. S., G. H. Wright; F. S., E. N. Halt, 106 South Laurel st.

***No. 49, Chicago, Ill.**—Meets every First and Third Thursday in Labor R. W., 187 Washington st. Pres., James Byrnes, 10 East 46th st.; R. S., W. M. Hickory, 39 Seminary ave.; F. S., M. J. Malloy, 528 Tremont ave.

***No. 50, Belleville, Ill.**—Meets every Monday in Electrical Workers' Hall, N. E. cor. Public Sq. Pres., Henry Christian, 103 E. Main st.; R. S., A. Bertsinger, 108 N. B st.; F. S., D. Mallinson, cor. A and Jackson sts.

***No. 51, Reading, Pa.**—Meets at 48 S. 6th st. Pres., John M. Moyer; R. S., C. R. Lyons, 342 S. 4th st.; F. S., Frank K. Brysan, 727 North 12th st.

***No. 52, Newark, N. J.**—F. S., Wm. A. Bamford, 94 Market st.

***No. 53, Harrisburg, Pa.**—Meets every Tuesday evening in hall on Myrtle ave., in rear of 257 N st. Pres., C. A. Swarger, 622 Forster st.; R. S., R. E. Bleyer, 257 North st.; F. S., Carl A. E. Anderson, 46 Summit st.

***No. 54, Columbus, O.**—2d and 4th Wednesday nights of each month at Trades and Labor Assembly Hall at 121½ E. Town st. Pres., Charles Groce, 1085 Oregon ave.; R. S., A. T. Willey, Citizens' Telephone Co.; F. S., Wm. Creviston, 332 E. Fulton st.

***No. 55, Des Moines, Ia.**—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, 708 Locust st. Pres., G. B. Hupp, Penn. ave. and Arthur st.; R. S., W. D. Treloir, 317 11th st.; F. S., C. A. Biggins, 1623 Omaha st.

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***No. 57, Salt Lake City, Utah**—Meets every Tuesday in Elec. Workers' Hall, Richards st. Pres., J. R. Blair, P. O. Box 402; R. S., LeGrand Robbins; F. S., J. F. Buckley, P. O. Box 402

***No. 58, Niagara, Falls, N. Y.**—1st and 3d Thursdays in Seiple's Hall, 829 Main st. Pres., Chas. N. Robinson, 509 3d st.; R. S., R. A. Rawson, 550 Main st.; F. S., A. J. Quackenbush, 320 1st st.

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***No. 61, Los Angeles, Cal.**—Meets every Thursday in Council of Labor Hall, 438 S. Spring st. Pres., W. A. Woodis, 2009 E. 1st st.; R. S., J. C. Van Cleave, 752 S. Spring st.; F. S., C. E. Smith, 773 Ceres ave.

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***No. 64, Schenectady, N. Y.**—1st and 3d Mondays in Trades Assembly Hall, State st. Pres., E. Klotz, 1031 Albany st.; J. C. Cheney, 341 Summit av.; F. S., A. M. Franchois, 341 Page st.

***No. 65, Butte, Mont.**—Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays in I. O. G. T. hall, West Broadway. Pres., Thomas Dwyer, care Rocky Mountain Bell Tel. Co.; R. S. & F. S., W. C. Medhurst, P. O. Box 846.

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***No. 69, Dallas, Tex.**—Meets every Wednesday night at Labor Temple, 346 Main st. Pres., Frank Swor, 186 Ross ave.; R. S., J. P. Connor, Union Depot Hotel; F. S., Wm. Jennett, Dallas, Tex.

***No. 70, Cripple Creek, Col.**—Meets every Wednesday in Elec. Workers' Hall, Fairley & Lampman Bldg. Pres., Martin Keeney; R. S., J. Lee Slemmons; F. S., E. P. Steen, Box 684.

***No. 71, Quebec, Prov. of Que.**—1st and 3d Wednesdays of month in President's Hall, 1 Boulevard Langeller. Pres., O. E. Legare, 51 Richelieu st.; R. S., E. L'Heureux, 63 St. Real st.; F. S., J. J. Fleming, 52 King st.

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***No. 74, Winona, Minn.**—1st and 3d Thursdays in office of Supt. of Fire Alarms, City Bldg., Lafayette st. Pres., Dan Bohmer, 509 Wilson st.; R. S., J. P. Fromm, 467 E. 4th st.; F. S., H. B. Kline, 510 Olmstead st.

***No. 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.**—2d & 4th Wednesdays in C. L. U. hall, 34 Canal st. Pres., J. W. Maskell, 95 Fogrove st.; R. S., F. B. Scott; F. S., C. E. Post, Gold and Sibley sts.

***No. 76, Tacoma, Wash.**—1st and 2d Tuesdays in Foresters' hall, 11th st and Pacific av. Pres., J. E. Willis; R. S., C. E. Soule, 1314½ Pacific ave.; F. S., C. A. Young, 948 Commercial st.

***No. 77, Seattle, Wash.**—Every Monday in Carpenters' Hall. Pres., S. H. Metcalf, 1207 First ave.; R. S., T. W. Boardman, 1215 First ave.; F. S., Geo. R. Cooley, 2423 Irving st.

***No. 78, Chicago, Ill.**—2d and 4th Friday in Fitzgerald's hall, cor. Halsted and Adams sts. Pres., G. W. Levin, 1551 Carroll av; R. S., Wm T. Tonner, 1479 W. Ohio st; F. S., George H. Foltz, 423 Jackson Bldg.

***No. 79, Syracuse, N. Y.**—2d and 4th Thursdays in Listman's Hall, 122 N. Salina st. Pres., Sam Young, 613 Hickory st; R. S., V. S. Whitney, 236 W. Onondaga st.; F. S., John Walsh, 220 Hawley st

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***No. 81, Scranton, Pa.**—2d and 4th Thursdays in K. of Malta Hall, 316 Washington ave. Pres., Robt. W. Kiple, care Lacka. Tel. Co.; R. S., F. W. Gendall, 231 Chestnut st.; F. S., T. B. Sturdevant, 942 Webster ave.

***No. 82, Binghamton, N. Y.**—Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays, C. L. U. hall, State st. Pres., G. Milks, 78 DeRussey st; R. S., L. W. Thompson, 63 St. John's ave.; F. S., Art E. Seymour, 11 Sturgess st.

***No. 83, Milwaukee, Wis.**—Every Friday, cor. 3d and Prairie sts. Pres., Nick Daleiden, 839 36th st.; R. S., J. P. Daley, 242 Wisconsin st.; F. S., O. Walloth, 567 Clinton st.

***No. 84, Atlanta, Ga.**—Meets every Thursday 7:30 p. m. in Fed of Trades hall, 14½ N. Forsyth st. Pres., L. Brooks, 53 Ponders ave.; R. S., J. Lillard, 12 Wallon st.; care C. A. Cobb; F. S., J. J. Peters, Edgewood, Ga.

***No. 85, Augusta, Ga.**—1st and 3d Sundays in Kidwell Hall, 15th st. and May ave. Pres., H. E. Edenfield, 915 15th st.; R. S., Jack Miner, 1131 Miller st.; F. S., G. W. Taylor, 1144 Broad st.

***No. 86, Rochester, N. Y.**—2d and 4th Tuesday in room 24, Durand bldg., 58 W. Main st. Pres., F. Glenn, 223 Webster av.; R. S., L. Feiner, 204 Fulton ave.; F. S., A. Denniston, 3 Baldwin st.

***No. 87, Newark, N. J.**—Every Friday in G. A. R. Hall, 37 Market st. Pres., C. L. Dotson, 153 14th st., Hoboken, N. J.; R. S., B. M. Lewis, 176 New York ave., Newark, N. J.; F. S., N. C. Pier, 102 Olden st., Orange, N. J.

***No. 88, Savannah, Ga.**—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Elks' Hall, Broughton and Whitaker sts. Pres., W. D. Claborne, 424 State st. east; R. S., J. T. Finnegan, Box 316; F. S., F. Hudson, P. O. Box 316. Address all Local 88 mail to P. O. Box 316.

***No. 89, Akron, O.**—1st and 3d Thursday nights of each month in Bricklayers' Hall, Main street. Pres., O. Scheck, 170 S. Howard st.; R. S., M. M. Castor, 403 S. Forge st.; F. S., Otto Welker, 133 Bowery st.

***No. 90, New Haven, Ct.**—Meets every Monday in Forester's Hall, 781 Chapel st. Pres., F. J. Horan, 247 Lombard st.; R. S., C. N. Preston, 739 Chapel st.; F. S., W. J. Dobbs, 14 Washington ave.

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*No. 91, Easton, Pa.—1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in Jr. O. U. A. M. M. hall, cor 7th and Northampton sts. Pres., A. McNeil, South 3d st.; R. S., Geo. Van Billiard, 224 W Third st.; South Bethlehem, Pa.; F. S., Edwin Welch South 5th st.

*No. 92, Hornellsville, N. Y.—2d and 4th Saturdays in I. O. G. T. Hall, Main st. cor. Broad. Pres., Robert Pierce, 23½ Pine st.; R. S., C. A. Smith lock box 473; F. S., C. M. Kelly, 33 Broad.

*No. 93, Ottawa, Ont.—2d and 3d Thursdays in C. O. F. Hall, Sessux st. Pres., Wm. Roy, Hull, Que.; R. S., S. R. McDonald, 193 Broad st.; F. S., E. Demers, 75 St Andrews st.

*No. 94, San Diego, Cal.—1st and 3d Mondays in Council of Labor Hall, cor. 5th and G sts. Pres., Ssm McGovern, 422 Kearney av.; R. S., Egbert C. Bangs, 320 Logan av.; F. S., W. D. Ralphs, 1616 1st.

*No. 95, Joplin, Mo.—F. S., C. Nelson, 901 Penn st.

*No. 96, Worcester, Mass.—Meets every Monday evening in room 19, 387 Main street. Pres., S. A. Strout, 72 Russell st.; R. S., F. W. Heath, 419 Main st., room 19; F. S., A. J. Pemberton, 419 Main st., room 19.

*No. 97, Mt. Vernon, O.—1st and 3d Sundays, 3 p. m., National Union Hall, S. Main st. Pres., J. P. Belt, 607 W. Gambier st.; R. S., J. C. Jacobs, 203 Coshocton ave.; F. S., Harry Weaver, 216-218 W. Main st.

*No. 98, Philadelphia Pa.—Every Tuesday in Odd Fellows' Temple, Room E, Broad and Cherry sts. Pres., Louis S. Fowler, 332 N. 52d st.; R. S., C. W. Elliott, 2320 Van Pelt st.; F. S., Louis F. Spence, 1538 Manton st.

*No. 99, Providence, R. I.—Meets 2d and 4th Thursdays in Labor Temple. Pres., Wm. E. Sedgley, 4 Ringold st.; R. S., R. A. Ripley, 447 Washington st.; F. S., H. C. Riley, 179 Harrison st., Pawtucket, R. I.

*No. 100, Jacksonville, Fla.—Pres., R. L. Gilbert; R. S., J. O. Barnwell; F. S., S. B. Kitchen.

*No. 101, Brockton, Mass.—Every 2d and 4th Friday in Cutlers' Hall, Main st. Pres., John McNeil, 35 Ward st.; R. S., William G. Schneider, Lock Box 450, North Abington, Mass.; F. S., A. H. Camron, 38 Joslyn's court.

*No. 102, Paterson, N. J.—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Columbia Hall, Market and Paterson sts. Pres., E. J. Clancy, 453 11th ave.; R. S., V. Graglia, 296 Market st.; F. S., A. Bennett, 21 17th ave.

*No. 103, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in St. Andrews Hall, Wells Memorial Bldg. Pres., Wm. J. Joyce, 78 E. Canton st.; R. S., Wm. H. Sullivan, 123 Hudson st., Boston; F. S., Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston sq., Allston.

*No. 104, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in Machinists' hall, 987 Washington st. Pres., A. McEachen, 37 Pine st., Brighton. R. S., J. A. McDonald, 6 Ferdinand st.; F. S., L. McLeod, 12A Westley st., Somerville, Mass.

*No. 105, Hamilton, Ont.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Hall, 17½ Main st. east. Pres., B. Bristol, 113 Hughson st. S.; R. S., W. J. Griffith, 47 Cannon st. W.; F. S., C. H. Fry, 114 Ferguson ave. N.

*No. 106, Jamestown, N. Y.—2d and 4th Thursday in Central Labor hall, 14-16 East 3d st. Pres., J. W. Woodburn, Lakewood, N. Y.; R. S., K. W. Spencer, 214 Fulton st.; F. S., A. H. Sheean, 213 Fulton st.

*No. 107, Louisville, Ky.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Reeb's Union Hall, 516 5th st. Pres., Ed. Gruenwald, 2721 Bank st.; R. S., Horace B. Kincaid, 1413 15th st.; F. S., Wm. H. Smith, 813 Jackson st.

*No. 108, Tampa, Fla.—1st and 3d Saturdays in I. O. O. F. Hall, Easley Bldg., Franklin st. Pres., R. H. Theot, 1907 Nebraska ave.; R. S., J. F. Vaughan, 904 Swigg st.; F. S., W. R. Clarke, 1907 Nebraska ave.

*No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Industrial Home Bldg., 3d Ave and 21st st. Pres., Chalmer Scarth, 710 W. 3d st., Davenport, Ia.; R. S., H. F. Mickey, 1040 W. 3d st., Davenport, Ia.; F. S., F. C. Garwood, 511 W. 4th st., Davenport, Ia.

*No. 110, Pensacola, Fla.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, in Escambia E. L. & P. Co. office, Main and Jefferson sts. Pres., F. R. Pearl, 126 Church st.; R. S., W. E. Pearl, 126 Church st.; F. S., E. W. Peak, 132 E. Intendencia st.

*No. 111, Honolulu, Hawaii—Pres., R. E. Frickey, Box 80; R. S., A. K. Disbrow, Box 80; F. S., R. G. Berger, Box 80.

*No. 112, Louisville, Ky.—Every Thursday, Beck's hall, Jefferson bet. 1st and 2d sts. Pres., Wm. McCarthy 1804 Lytle st. R. S., J. B. Helm, 414 W. Chestnut st.; F. S., Wm. McGrath, 1201 Pine st.

*No. 113, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets every Friday at A. O. H. Hall, 22 South Tejon. Pres., W. H. Ralston, 118 E. Rio Grand; R. S., H. T. Paschal, 444 E. Kiona st.; F. S., S. C. Swisher, 108 S. Nevada st.

*No. 114, Toronto, Can.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in Richmond hall, W. Richmond st. Pres., John A. Mongeau, 132 Spruce st.; R. S., George T. Dale, 54 Muir ave.; F. S., Ken. A. McRae, 102 W. King st.

*No. 115, Austin, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturdays in Carpenter's Union Hall, over 706 Cong. ave. Pres., T. E. Mason, 709 Cong. ave.; R. S., B. F. McKaughan, 1504 Sabine st.; F. S., B. F. McDonald, 200 E. 16th st.

*No. 116, Los Angeles, Cal.—Every Tuesday in Fraternal hall 534½ So. Spring st. Pres., H. R. Dunlap, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; R. S., H. V. Eaton, 1106 W. Jefferson st.; F. S., F. D. Stevenson, 924 Towne ave.

*No. 117, Elgin, Ill.—Pres., E. L. McClelland; F. S., John O. Rourke, 476 Locust st.

*No. 118, Dayton, O.—Meets Thursday nights in Deister Hall 25 N. Main st. Pres., Ed. Cure, 130 Washington st.; R. S., Wm. S. Houser, 313 Antioch st.; F. S., J. W. Hott, 2 Stany st.

*No. 119, New Bedford, Mass.—Pres., C. McLeod; R. S., A. Gothers; F. S., N. H. Davis, 263 Arnold st.

*No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Oriental Hall, Clarence st. Pres., Jas. G. Ruchton, 332 York st.; R. S., W. Forbes, 189 Wellington st.; F. S., A. W. Robinson, 169 Kent st.

*No. 121, Denver, Col.—Every Thursday at Gettysburg bldg., 1744 Champa st. Pres., A. J. McMullen, 2020 Lawrence st.; R. S., W. H. Brown, 75 W. Bayard; F. S., B. B. Flack, cor. 3400 Franklin st., Room 17.

*No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Every Thursday evening in Union Hall. Pres., M. Potee; R. S., F. D. Ward, B. & M. Smelter; F. S., Wm. P. Benson, Box 766.

*No. 123, Wilmington, N. C.—Every Monday in National Bank bldg., Front and Princess sts. Pres., E. B. Burkholder, So. Bell Tel. Co.; R. S. and F. S., E. L. Heinsbyer, 220 N. 3rd st.

*No. 124, Galveston, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Cooks' and Waiters' Hall, 23d st., bet. Market and Mechain sts. Pres., G. L. Garrett, 909 21st st.; R. S., Wm. Klaus, 3801 Ave. K; F. S., D. H. Morris, 2019 Ave. K.

*No. 125, Portland, Ore.—Every Tuesday in Eagle's Hall, 2d Yamhill. Pres., E. H. Parker, 105 North 12th st.; R. S., H. A. Circle, 771 Gleason st.; F. S., Aug. Flemming, 211 Harrison st.

*No. 126, Little Rock, Ark.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Labor Temple, cor. Main and Markham sts. Pres., W. H. Milham care Edison Co.; R. S., C. J. Dreer, care Brown Electric Co.; F. S., R. L. Crutchfield, care Little Rock Tel. Co.

*No. 127, Battle Creek, Mich.—Every Friday in Labor Hall. Pres., Don Cole, Citizens Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Fellows, Battle Creek Elect. Lt. Co.; F. S., Arthur Robinson, No. 1 Fire Station.

*No. 128, Alton, Ill.—Meets first and third Mondays in Miller's Hall, Second and Piash sts. Pres., James Harr, Walnut between 2nd and 3rd sts.; R. S., H. Paul Jewett, care Davis & Jewett Electric Co.; F. S., L. T. Cates.

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*No. 129, St. Joseph, Mo.—Meets every Saturday at 215½ So. 6th st., Room 5, 2d floor. Pres., R. C. Hughes, Columbian Elect. Co.; R. S., Fred Miller, 215½ So. 6th st.; F. S., E. McComac, 217 So. 6th st.

†No. 130, New Orleans, La.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet st., near Perdido. Pres., Geo. W. Kendall J., 2230 First st.; R. S., Wm. Fisher, 615 Third st.; F. S., Wm. M. Tolman, 1722 Clio st.

*No. 131, Traverse City, Mich.—T. Irons, Hotel Whiting.

*No. 132, South Bend, Ind.—Pres., J. E. Perry, 226 Sadie ave.; R. S., C. H. Sommers, Central Fire Sta.; F. S., Frank Hobbs 133 S. Scott st.

†No. 133, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Wednesday night, 200 Randolph st. Pres., W. W. Hancock, 647 Baker st.; R. S., J. A. Sherratt, 295 W. Canfield ave.; F. S., H. D. Chapman, 521 Champlain st.

†No. 134, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Tuesday, Room 61, 126 E. Washington st. Pres., Harry McKenzie, 324 Webster ave.; R. S., F. B. Davisson, 2728 Wabash ave.; F. S., Wm. Cleff, 319 Lincoln ave.

*No. 135, Trenton, N. J.—Meets every Monday in A. P. A. Hall, cor. Broad and State sts. Pres., J. H. Brister, 50 Fountain ave.; R. S., F. L. Morris, 223 W. Broad st.; F. S., W. Mountford, 20 Poplar st.

*No. 136, Birmingham, Ala.—Meets every Tuesday in Dunker's Hall, 20th st. and 2d alley. Pres., Geo. W. Brown, City Hotel; R. S., D. B. Freeman, O'Brien House; F. S., E. A. Woodworth, So. Bell Tel. Co.

†No. 137, Albany, N. Y.—Every Sunday, 1 p. m., Labor Temple, Pearl and Beaver sts. Pres., Edward J. Landy, 80 Trinity pl.; R. S., H. Smith, 1327 2d ave., West Troy.

*No. 138, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Meets every Thursday, 68 Clinton st., 3d floor. Pres., M. B. Larimer, Room 28, Bank Block; R. S., H. C. Eckels, 55 Riverside ave.; F. S., S. W. Bell, 72 W. Williams st.

*No. 139, Elmira, N. Y.—1st and 3d Mondays. Pres., H. D. Pitcher, 505 Baldwin st.; R. S., Bro. Georgia.

*No. 140, Schenectady, N. Y.—2d and 4th Wednesday in Carpenter's Hall, State st. Pres., Wm. L. Rapp, 18 River st.; R. S., Geo. H. Flansburgh, 304 State st.; F. S., Henry Shannon, 120 N. College st.

*No. 141, Pittsburg, Kan.—1st and 3d Thursdays in Schieferbines Hall, cor. 6th st. and Broadway. Pres., T. F. Cole; R. S., Paul Mattingly, Lock Box No. 20; F. S., Ed. Emery, 1202 N. Joplin ave.

*No. 142, Wheeling, W. Va.—Every Friday night in Trabert & Vogt's Hall, Market st., bet. 17th and 18th. R. S., Geo. J. Knittle, 67 S. Broadway, Island; F. S., Edward Johnston, 3207 Chapline st.

*No. 143, Ashtabula, O.—Pres., Chas. Deyo, Conneaut, O.; R. S., Omer Andrews, Ashtabula, O.; F. S., W. E. Mapn, 48 Fisk st.

*No. 144, Wichita, Kan.—Meets every Tuesday night at 255 N. Main st. Pres., T. L. Rberts, 450 N. Hydraulic ave.; R. S., W. H. Shuber, 127 N. Market st.; F. S., C. W. Stimson, 1725 Gold st.

*No. 145, Saginaw, Mich.—Every Wednesday in Engineers' Hall, Washington and Franklin aves., on Genesee ave., 3d floor. Pres., F. H. Friant, 405 Genesee ave.; R. S., John Strachan, 1619 Johnson st.; F. S., Joseph Irwin, Marshall House.

*No. 146, Bridgeport, Conn.—Every Friday, in Sons of Veterans' Hall, 955 Main st. Pres., E. Mahoney, 330 State st.; R. S., F. R. Townsend, P. O. box 623; F. S., J. Beirne, 272 Benham ave.

*No. 147, Anderson, Ind.—2d and 4th Fridays in Bricklayers' hall, Main st. Pres., J. A. Deerwester, care C. U. Tel. Co.; R. S., Bert Markle, 119 W. Monroe st., Alexandria, Ind.; F. S., J. E. Clone, 1106 W. 5th st.

†No. 148, Washington, D. C.—Every Monday in Arion Hall, 430 8th st., N. W. Pres., W. J. Fish, Ft. Stevens; R. S., W. T. Malloy, 943 C st. S. W.; F. S., R. B. Humphries, 814 Second st., S. E.

*No. 149, Aurora, Ill.—Wednesdays following 1st and 15th of month, in Loser's Hall, N. River st. Pres., Finley R. McDonald; R. S., John Glennon, 51 Blackhawk st.; F. S., E. Millhouse.

*No. 150, Bay City, Mich.—2d and 4th Tuesday, in A. O. U. W. Hall, cor. Center and Adams sts. Pres., Chas. Crampton, 201 Adams st.; R. S., W. D. Parker, Essexville, Bay Co., Mich.; F. S., J. M. Ferguson, 614 Adams st.

†No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.—Every Monday, Hall 10, 102 O'Farrell, near Stockton st. Pres., Geo. Cooney, Ahlborn House, 129 Grant ave.; R. S., J. F. Leonard 1227 Filbert st.; F. S., L. C. Edwards, 3 Telegraph ave., Oakland.

†No. 152, Ft. Scott, Kan.—1st and 3d Wednesday evenings in B. of L. F. Hall, 701 E. Main st. Pres., Jas. Ruskle, 701 National ave.; R. S., C. E. Kitchen, 624 S. Clark st.; F. S., W. S. Craighead, 24 N. Judson.

*No. 153, Marion, Ind.—Pres., Ed. Meadows; R. S., O. L. Skinner; F. S., O. Weesner, 318 East Grant st.

†No. 154, Cleveland, O.—1st and 3d Fridays in O'Donnell's Hall, 89-91 Prospect st. Pres., Martin Durkin, 328 Waverly ave.; R. S., Wm. Rielley, 11 Sibley st.; F. S., Chas. Ruttle, 25 Norwich st.

*No. 155, Oklahoma City, O. T.—Friday night in Labor Hall, Opera House Block, corner Grand and Robinson. Pres., R. Lott, Backler bldg; R. S., A. A. Holcomb, W. Main; F. S., J. H. McIlvain, 329 W. California ave.

*No. 156, Ft. Worth, Tex.—1st and 3d Wednesdays in B. T. C. Hall, 406 Main st. Pres., J. R. Hancock, 1106 Jennings av.; R. S., Lee Stephens, corner First and Burnett; F. S., C. F. Crabtree, City Hall.

*No. 157, Elkhart, Ind.—First and third Friday nights in Labor hall corner Main and Franklin sts. Pres., H. J. Metzger; R. S., H. A. Row, 506 Beardsley av.; F. S., Lenord Whittig, 121 Cleveland av.

*No. 158, Temple, Tex.—Pres., W. W. Clay; R. S., Miss Estelle Sledge; F. S., Mrs. A. Chandler.

*No. 159, Madison, Wis.—Meets 2d Friday of month in Labor Hall, State st. Pres., Jesse Rubey; R. S., H. W. Schroeder, 448 W. Wash. ave.; F. S., Hiram Nelson, 9 S. Broom st.

*No. 160, Zanesville, O.—Every Wednesday night in Labor Hall, cor. 6th and Main sts. Pres., Wm. Graham, Kirk House; R. S., C. E. Berg, P. O. 28r; F. S., Chas. L. Tyner, 362 N. 5th st.

*No. 161, Uniontown, Pa.—Pres., C. R. Surnett, F. S., O. P. Britt.

†No. 162, Omaha, Neb.—Every Tuesday night in Fuller Hall, 14th and Douglas sts. Pres., G. H. Smallhouse, 549 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs Ia.; R. S., G. D. Ripley, 2238 Seward st.; F. S., James Kerrigan.

*No. 163, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Pres., Chas. Wiggins, 335 South st.; R. S., H. Krum, 15 Hollandbuck av.; F. S., W. D. McClain Hotel Sterling.

*No. 164, Sullivan, Ind.—Pres. N. S. Worley; F. S., Dudley McCammon, Box 348.

*No. 165, Newport News, Va.—Meets every other Tuesday evening in Patterson Bldg., cor. 32d street and Washington ave. Pres., Tim Coburn, Hampton, Va.; R. S., H. A. Nycum, P. O. Box 374; F. S., R. A. Gentus, 725 29th st.

*No. 166, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.—2d and 4th Thursdays in month at Trades Hall, corner Market and Main sts. Pres., W. Girard, 114 Hallettst.; R. S., J. W. Stewart, 524 Dufferin ave.; F. S., J. W. Johnston, 47 Martha st.

*No. 167, Bowling Green, Ohio.—1st and 3d Mondays in Oil Workers' Hall, Main st. South. Pres., Otis Mollencup; R. S., Frank Morse; F. S., J. H. Brown, Bowling Green, O.

*No. 168, Mobile, Ala.—Every Tuesday in Cathedral Hall, Conti st, bet. Jackson and Clairborn. Pres., J. C. Cutts, per Bell Tel. Co.; R. S., C. E. Hook, general delivery; F. S., R. A. Savage, 758 Augusta st.

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*No. 169, Fresno, Cal.—F. S., P. Brown, Box 1301.

*No. 170, Findlay, Ohio.—Meets Thursday nights at Bartenders' Hall, 107½ S. Main st. Pres., Andy Tate, Home Tel. Co.; R. S., Chas. A. O'Donnell, Home Tel. Co.; F. S., Clark Reed, Home Tel. Co.

*No. 171, Ypsilanti, Mich.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in K. of P. Hall, 204 Congress st. Pres., Jesse B. Millard, 13 Water st.; R. S., F. W. Thomas; F. S., Frank C. Phelps, 114 Welch st., Ann Arbor.

*No. 172, Newark, Ohio—Pres., Lee Beagle, 28 Jefferson st.; R. S., W. Horn, 357 Stanbury st.; F. S., V. H. Effinger, Box 252.

*No. 173, Ottumwa, Ia.—Pres., S. D. Anderson; F. S., H. M. Murray, Tipton, Ia.

*No. 174, Mansfield, O.—Every Thursday night at Trades Council Hall, N. Main st. Pres., H. C. Kissane, 39 Perry st.; R. S., Robert Gourley, South Walnut st.; F. S., J. E. Fendrich, Brunswick Hotel.

*No. 175, Lowell, Mass.—1st and 3d Tuesdays at 103 Central st. Pres., G. E. Thomas, 207 Appleton st.; R. S., J. Barrett, 22 Abbott st.; F. S., A. Anderson, 37 Elm st.

*No. 176, Joliet, Ill.—Every Wednesday night at Trade and Labor hall, corner Ottawa and Jefferson sts. Pres., Andrew Laughman, 108 Collins st.; R. S., Tom Honan, 605 N. Eastern av.; F. S., W. M. Searls, 209 Cedar Slip.

*No. 177, Leavenworth, Kan.

*No. 178, Canton, O.—Every Monday night in Union Hall, 115 N. Piedmont st. Pres., J. Shane, 238 S. Market st.; R. S., I. B. Dodge, Stark County Tel. Co.; F. S., H. A. Wood, 421 S. Walnut st.

*No. 179, Charleston, S. C.—2d and 4th Wednesday in Aldine Club Hall, King and Hasel sts. Pres., F. B. Krepps, 154 Meeting st.; R. S., A. L. Meisson, 11 Horlbach st.; F. S., J. E. Nestor, 5 Maiden Lane.

*No. 180, Vallejo, Cal.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Labor Bureau Hall, Sacramento st. bet. Georgia and Virginia sts. Pres., F. N. Killam, Howard House; R. S. and F. S., H. C. Stewart, 844 Virginia st.

*No. 181, Utica, N. Y.—Pres., Wm. Brigham; F. S., E. Keeler, 47 Blandina st.

*No. 182, Montreal, Can.—1st and 3d Mondays of month in York Chambers, 2444 A St. Catherine st. Pres., J. Dorais, 794 Dorchester st.; R. S., J. C. Green, 91 University st.; F. S., E. Hodgson, 40 Latour st.

*No. 183, Lexington, Ky.—Every Wednesday in Jr. O. U. A. M. hall, 22 W. Main st. Pres., Chas. Royse, 452 N. Limestone st.; R. S., E. A. Ebersole, 193 E. Main st.; F. S., J. N. Mullen, N. Limestone st.

*No. 184, Galesburg, Ill.—F. S., C. W. Chase, 525 Marston ave.

*No. 185, Boston, Mass.—Second and fourth Thursday at No. Boylston Place. Pres., A. Y. Laidlaw, 34 Crescent ave., Dorchester, Mass.; R. S., E. W. Chamberlin, 73 Worcester st.; F. S., J. W. Head, 71 Hudson st., Somerville, Mass.

*No. 186, Hartford, Conn.—F. S., J. P. Rohan, care Rice & Baldwin.

*No. 187, Oshkosh, Wis.—Every Tuesday night in Stationary Engineers' Hall, cor. Main and Pearl sts. Pres., J. Wilson, 61 School st.; R. S., R. Waters, 137 Wangoo st.; F. S., P. S. Bixby, 118 Pearl st.

*No. 188, Dallas, Tex.—Every Monday in Martino's Hall, 344 Main st. Pres., O. J. Depp, 192 Main st.; R. S., J. W. Wilkinson, 173 Elm st.; F. S., Thos. Hummel, 173 Elm st.

*No. 189, Montgomery, Ala.—F. S., W. J. Helms, 101 Bibb st.

*No. 190, Newark, N. J.

*No. 191, Everett, Wash.—F. S., S. G. Hep-ler, 1610½ Hewitt av.

*No. 192, Memphis, Tenn.—Every Tuesday in Central Labor Hall, 357 Second st. Pres., W. G. Nutzell, 58 Marshall ave.; R. S., John Motley, 194 Alabama ave.

*No. 193, Springfield, Ill.—Second and fourth Wednesdays in Carpenters' Hall. F. S., S. Dillard, 141 N. Walnut st.

*No. 194, Shreveport, La.—Pres., J. E. McGoldrick, Box 326; F. S., F. M. Lawrence, 207 Beauregard st.

*No. 195, Marietta, O.—Every Thursday night in I. B. E. W. Hall, 195 Fort Square. Pres., M. L. Pnrkey; R. S., William H. Reed; F. S., Earl Davis, Fire Dept. No. 1.

*No. 196, Rockford, Ill.—First and third Fridays at Central Labor Union hall, East State st. Pres., Thos. O'Brien, 713 Chestnut; R. S., George Rohr, 1125 West State; F. S., Harry J. Miller, 534 George st.

*No. 197, Bloomington, Ill.—Every Friday in Electrical Workers' Hall, over 106 W. Front st. Pres., J. D. Stedman, 901 S. Lee st.; R. S., W. S. Briscoe, 701 S. Oak st.; F. S., J. J. Eversole, Box 274.

*No. 198, Dubuque, Ia.—Pres., H. J. Powers, Hotel Paris; R. S., W. Haruey; F. S., Jas. Herker.

*No. 199, St. Louis, Mo.—1st Sunday, 2 P. M., Lightstone's Hall, No. 2 Eleventh and Franklin ave. Pres., J. G. McCarthy, 5612 Penna. ave.; R. S., B. J. Holland, 220 S. 14th st.; F. S., T. F. Lapping, 3925 McRee ave.

*No. 200, Anaconda, Mont.—F. S., R. D. May, Gen'l Del.

*No. 201, Appleton, Wis.—Pres., F. J. Constantine; R. S., C. H. Mackey, 841 College av.; F. S., Geo. Clymer, Ripon, Wis.

*No. 202, Seattle, Wash.—F. S., K. H. Briskley, 4015 1st ave. N. E.

*No. 203, Champaign, Ill.—Pres., H. G. Eastman; F. S., R. A. Sexton, 203 Col. av.

*No. 204, Springfield, O.—Pres., S. E. Ballard; R. S., H. S. Copeland; F. S., J. F. Ballard, 35 S. Center st.

*No. 205, Jackson, Mich.—Pres., N. D. Baldwin; F. Phalen, 209 Page av.

*No. 206, Charleston, W. Va.—Wednesday nights in I. O. U. M. Hall, cor. Virginia and Summers sts. Pres., E. Ayres; R. S., J. G. Mackenzie, 220 State st.; F. S., C. P. Shiveley, 106 Lovell st.

*No. 207, Painesville, O.—F. S., F. S. Lamunyan, 317 E. Erie st.

*No. 208, Portsmouth, Ohio.—Every Thursday night at Bond Hall, cor. 9th and Findlay sts. Pres., G. H. Gleason, Portsmouth Tel. Co.; R. S., Jesse N. Green; F. S., Anson Clapper.

*No. 209, Logansport, Ind.—Every Wednesday night in Butchers' Union Hall, Market st., bet. 2nd and 3rd. Pres., N. Costenborder, 820 Race st.; F. S., A. W. Tam, 522 Linden ave.

*No. 210, Cairo, Ill.

*No. 211, Windsor, Ont.—Pres., S. Jenkins, Gen'l Del.; F. S., B. McLeod, Gen'l Del.

*No. 212, Cincinnati, O.—Every Monday at Stationary Firemen's Hall, 1111 Vine st. Pres., Geo. L. Rost; R. S., C. E. Rixford, 1027 McMillan st.; F. S., W. B. Kelly.

*No. 213, Vancouver, B. C., Can.

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We all have our troubles. We also like to tell our troubles. In this we greatly err. Like any story, troubles grow with the telling. It is to no easement of the spirit that we rehearse the worries of the day in the bosom of our families, or carry our family troubles into our circle of business friends. If our friends were not more considerate than we the whole course of life would be one tale of woe. The most of our troubles we ourselves make or magnify. Those that come in spite of us are sent for our edification in grace and patience and not for the burdening of our friends.

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